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SUMMARY.

Admiral Sir William Henry May has been appointed to the command of the Home Fleet.

The centenary of the birth of Mendelssohn has been celebrated in many cities of the United Kingdom.

Sharp differences have developed in the Imperial Cabinet over the new construction vote in the Naval Estimates.

The extraordinary vogue of the drama, "An Englishman's Home," which depicts the unpreparedness of England for war, is increasing.

The author of the play is Major Guy Du Maurier, D.S.O., a son of the late George Du Maurier, author of "Trilby."

Statesmen are utilising the play for the purpose of rousing the country to the necessity of home defence.

Mr. F. A. Franklin, of New South Wales, died suddenly on board the G.M.S. Bremen at Genoa.

The compromise arrived at by the South African Convention regarding the capital question is not regarded as workable.

The United States House of Representatives has reversed its vote adding £100,000 to the Army Appropriation for aeronautical experiments.

A Transvaal team of riflemen is going to Bisley, and will pay half its own expenses.

The estate in the United Kingdom of the late Mr. Alfred Dobson, Agent-General for Tasmania, has been sworn at £15,624.

The committee of the Imperial Press Conference has arranged for the passage of the Australasian delegates by the Marama, leaving Sydney on April 12.

The Australasian delegates will travel via Vancouver, Quebec, and Liverpool to London, where the conference opens on June 5.

The ship River Falloch, for New South Wales, is on fire at Caleta Calosa, South America. The holds of the vessel have been flooded.

A French officer saved the life of the Sultan of Morocco, Mulai Hafid, from the hands of an assassin.

The Sultan immediately ordered his assailant to be flogged to death.

Lord Rayleigh's co-operative farming scheme at Witham, Essex, yielded the labourers 4 per cent. on their investment.

There are many German denials of Dr. Adolph Stein's account of the Kruger telegram.

These declare that the German Emperor undoubtedly initiated the telegram, and not the German Foreign Office.

In a match between the Australian Rugby League team and England, at Glasgow, each side scored four goals and three tries.

At the Broken Hill Arbitration Court, counsel for the Proprietary said no reply had been received from the directors to Mr. Justice Higgins' questions.

It was stated, however, that the directors were not desirous of paying less than a living wage.

A compromise, Mr. Kelynack added, would be found necessary, and he thought it would have to come from the higher paid men.

All the horses on Block 10 mine were on Wednesday entrained for South Australia.

This is accepted as an indication that there does not appear to be any immediate possibility of work being resumed.

No official news of impending trouble with coolies in Fiji has been received.

It is stated that the armed police protection would be amply sufficient to check any possible rising.

Convocation of Sydney University met yesterday to nominate a senator. A show of hands gave 81 votes for Dr. Cecil Purser, and 10 for Dr. Camac Wilkinson.

A ballot will be held on February 13 at the Royal Society's rooms.

In the speeches of the movers and seconders of the candidates senate reform was strongly urged.

Mr. Knibbs, Commonwealth Statistician, will represent Australia at the Congress of Actuaries, to be held in Vienna on June 13.

The iron bonus regulations have been approved by the Federal Executive Council, and come into operation on Saturday next.

The newsboys of Broken Hill refused to sell the local unionist organ because their demands had not been complied with.

When the boys became violent in their demonstrations the journal, which has daily abused the constabulary, telephoned for the police to protect the office.

Three constables were promptly despatched to the scene of the boycott, and the boy strikers were kept within bounds.

New rules of what is to be called the Labour Council of New South Wales were circulated at last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council.

The constitution sets out that the council shall consist of labour unions within New South Wales for the furtherance of the cause of labour generally.

A request for the establishment of a ferry service for Little Sirius Cove was brought under the notice of the Sydney Ferries, Limited.

The directors indicated their preference for a feeder rather than an independent service, but gave no definite promise.

A deputation to the Minister for Works advocated a railway from Muswellbrook to Merriwa, via Denman, a distance of 46 miles.

Mr. Lee promised to submit the proposal to the Cabinet, with a view to having the line referred to the Public Works Committee.

The charge of manslaughter against the Rev. Baxter Riley, in connection with the death of a New Guinea boy, was heard before Judge Murray at Daru.

His Honor gave a verdict of not guilty, and Mr. Baxter Riley was discharged.

If the fish agents return to the city markets at Woolloomooloo the City Council will not start in competition with them.

But if they do not return the Lord Mayor will have power to compete with them, acting practically as a fish agent.

Two brothers named O'Brien were drowned while bathing in the Sandown Meat Works reservoir.

The Premiers will meet in conference at Hobart on March 5. All the States will be represented.

It is not proposed to deal with any question other than the financial relations of the States with the Commonwealth.

A fire broke out last night in a three-story building at the rear of 280 George-street.

The ground floor was occupied by G. G. Lind, tobacconist, and the first, second, and third floors by W. H. Docker, Limited, varnish manufacturers.

The three stories were gutted, and the contents of the ground floor were severely damaged by water.

A fire broke out later in the night at Crago's flourmills, Newtown, and much damage resulted. The fire was still burning at midnight.

At the Marine Board inquiry into the loss of the Clan Ranald, the evidence showed that a fire occurred among the coal before the vessel left Port Adelaide.

The majority of the coolie survivors from the wreck are to be sent to Colombo. The body of Captain Gladstone has been recovered.

Two men named Taylor and Goodall, while drilling a hole in the Gordonbrook Copper Mine, struck an unexploded charge of dynamite.

Both men received the full force of a fearful explosion, and were killed.

Over 55,000 sheep (including lambs) were penned at the Homebush yards yesterday.

All descriptions were in strong request. Values for lambs improved 6d to 1s, and sheep towards the close 6d per head.

Upwards of 1201 cattle were yarded, and the improved rates of Monday last were fully maintained.

As the result of a further recovery in the price of copper there was a firmer tone for shares yesterday, but business was on a limited scale.

In the case of silver stocks, though the turnover was small, a better feeling existed all round.

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OROYA	6,297	Laws	Feb. 20	Feb. 23	Feb. 25
*bORTONA	8,000	Collins	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 11
*bORONTES	9,023	Ruthven	Mar. 17	Mar. 23	Mar. 25
*bASTURIAS	12,002	Jenks	Mar. 31	April 6	April 8
*bOMRAH	8,292	Symons	April 14	April 20	April 22
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MOERAKI (Twin-screw), SATURDAY, February 20.

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FROM MELBOURNE.
For NEW ZEALAND PORTS (via HOBART)—
MARENO (Turbine), WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2 p.m.
For LAUNCESTON—
LOONGANA, 4 p.m., February 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26.
From LAUNCESTON—
LOONGANA, February 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27.
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MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, ALBANY, FREMANTLE, GERALDTON.—KANOWNA, noon, SATURDAY, February 20.

BRISBANE (Transhipping at Brisbane for Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Gladstone), ROCKHAMPTON (Wharf).—ALLINGA, Noon, WEDNESDAY, February 10th. BURWAH, 5 p.m., TUESDAY, February 16th (Cargo only).

BRISBANE (Transhipping at Brisbane for Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Gladstone), ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE (Transhipping at Townsville for Lucinda Point, Cardwell, Mourilyan, Geraldton, Cairns, Port Douglas).—PEREGRINE, 2 p.m., TO-MORROW SATURDAY, February 6. GABO, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, February 13th. COOMA, 2 p.m., SATURDAY, February 20th.

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SHELLHARBOUR.—S.S. PETERBOROUGH (Cargo), THIS DAY, 7 p.m.
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MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE (Transhipping to Port Pirie), ALBANY (Transhipping to Hopetoun), FREMANTLE (Transhipping to Perth, Geraldton, and North-West Ports).—*** KYARRA. (Without Transhipment), TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, noon, February 6. 7000 Tons, Twin Screw, Deck Cabins. Carrying First and Second Saloon and Steerage Passengers. Inspection invited. Early application for berths necessary.

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THURSDAY ISLAND, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN.—WODONGA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., February 16. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)

LAUTOKA, SUVA, LEVUKA, FIJI.—SUVA, WEDNESDAY, 2 p.m., February 17.

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Dated this 7th day of January, 1909.

By order of the Board,
F. M. DICKENSON,
Secretary.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 17931.—Re CHARLES COLLIER, of Orange, Coachbuilder.—NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee, at 47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on the 19th day of February, 1909, at 2.30 p.m. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 16th day of February, 1909. F. H. SALUSBURY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 17935.—Re ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, of Chatswood, Widow, trading in Sussex-street, Sydney, as JOHN CAMPBELL, Produce Merchant.—NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee, at 47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on the 15th day of February, 1909, at 3 p.m. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 11th day of February, 1909. F. H. SALUSBURY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 17991.—Re JACOB GERHARDT HOELSKEN, of Bruce-street and Liverpool-road, Ashfield, and the Strand Cafe, the Strand Arcade, Sydney, Restaurant Proprietor.—NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee, at 47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on the 19th day of February, 1909, at 2.30 p.m. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 16th day of February, 1909. F. H. SALUSBURY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens' Chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 22nd day of February, 1909, at 10 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 18th day of February, 1909.—Re EDWARD SKELTON BARTON, No. 17831, of Pearl Bay, Middle Harbour, and the Stock Exchange, Pitt-street, Sydney, Architect. Re MARK and JOSEPH SOLOMON, No. 17980, of 257 Crown-street, Sydney, and Parker-lane, Haymarket, Sydney, Manufacturing Tailors. Re HENRY MELVILLE ALLEN, No. 17990, of 465 Darling-street, Rozelle, Civil Servant. Re JAMES CLINES, No. 17976, of 337 Liverpool-street, Darlinghurst, and 51 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, Commission Agent. F. H. SALUSBURY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. C. F. W. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens' chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 3rd day of March, 1909, at 10 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 27th day of February, 1909.—Re WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER BARKER, No. 17975, of Cessnock, Tailor. F. H. SALUSBURY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee. (4c 32)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of DAVID JONES, late of Jungle Park, near Trundle, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claims on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me, at my said office, on or before Thursday, the eleventh day of March next, at 11 o'clock in the afternoon, and inspect the same, and if they see fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts are not objected to the same will be passed according to law. Dated this fourth day of February, 1909. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar. McINTOSH and CROWTHER, Proctors for the Executors, Tattersall's-chambers, Parkes. By their Agent: E. A. ROBERTS, 174A Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CATHERINE MARSHALL, late of Burwood, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the eleventh day of March, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 4th day of February, A.D. 1909. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. AITKEN and AITKEN, Proctors, 14 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

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120 doz. E10, 36in	7/6	6/6
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1620 yds., 108in wide	1/1	11
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1980 yds., 108in wide	1/5	1/2½
572 yds., 140in wide	2/	1/8
1116 yds., 160in wide	1/9	1/6
2304 yds., 160in wide	2/	1/8
1944 yds., 160in wide	2/3	1/11
180 yds., 108in wide, Striped	1/9	1/5
108 yds., 108in wide, Striped	2/3	1/9
180 yds., 108in wide, Spotted	2/1	1/7
160 yds., 90in wide, Fancy Design	2/8	1/11
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2 Cream Silk Bonnets, Corded Silk, turned back front, lined Soft Silk, trimmed Merveilleux Ribbon and Medallions, 2 to 5 years	20/	12/9
7 Cream Silk Bonnets, trimmed Daisies, 2 to 6 years	6/9	4/11
4 Cream Silk Bonnets, Skull shape, trimmed Silk, 2 to 4 years	8/8	5/11
5 Cream Silk Bonnets, Jap or Corded Silk, trimmed Silk, 2 to 4 years	10/9	8/6
4 Cream Silk Bonnets, Corded Silk, high front, lined Shirred Silk, 2 to 6 years	14/3	10/6
3 Cream Bonnets, Corded Silk, turn back front, Merveilleux Ribbon Bows, 2 to 5 years	7/9	5/9
3 Cream Silk Bonnets, Granny shape, Corded Silk front, Shirred lining, soft drawn back, 2 to 6 years	9/	6/11
Cream Silk Bonnets, Infants' size, trim Ribbon and Medallions	12/	9/11
5 Embroidered Silk Infants' Hoods, trimmed Bebe Ribbon Rosettes, for Baby 3 months	8/6	6/11
9 Crochet Silk Bonnets, Net Ruching, Infants, 6 months	2/6	2/
9 Crochet Silk Bonnets, Net Ruching, Infants, 6 months	3/	2/6
3 Cream Silk Hats, Corded Silk, trimmed Merveilleux Ribbon and Applique, Babies, 9 months to 2 years	17/	10/9
5 Cream Silk Hats, trimmed Rosettes, Girls, 3 to 8 years	4/6	3/11
4 Cream Silk Hats, Corded Silk or Lace Crowns, drawn Silk leaf, 4 to 9 years	7/3	4/11
2 Cream Silk Hats, large Tucked Crown, drawn leaf, trimmed Rosette, 6 to 14 years	12/9	8/11
12 Cream Silk Hats, Corded or Soft Silk, trimmed Soft Silk or Rosette and Frayed ends	7/6	5/11
5 Mercerised Silk Hats, trimmed Bow or Rosette, 5 to 10 years	5/3	3/11
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12 26 x 21 in outside, opening 20 x 16 in	11/	8/6
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12 26 x 24 in outside, opening 20 x 16 in	6/	4/11
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MEETINGS.

CARRINGTON CENTENNIAL HOSPITAL HOME FOR CONVALESCENTS.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Hospital will be held in the Board-room, at Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney, on THURSDAY, the 25th February, 1909, at 4 p.m.
BUSINESS:
To receive the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year 1908.
To elect six members of committee for the current year.
The vacancies on the Board are caused by the retirement in accordance with the rules, of Sir James Fairfax, the Hon. Richard Jones, M.L.C., Dr. Cecil Purser, Richard Binnie, Esq., W. H. Anderson, Esq., and T. F. Knox, Esq. These gentlemen are eligible for re-election. Of the vacancies, two will be filled by nomination by his Excellency the Governor, two by nomination by the representative of the Donor, the late W. H. Paling, Esq., and two will be elected by the Subscribers at the Meeting.
The Honorable HENRY MOSES, M.L.C., Vice-President, will preside.
CECIL PURSER, } Hon.
P. F. MARICH, } Secretaries.
Dated Sydney,
Feb. 4, 1909.

TOOHEYS, LIMITED.
HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING.
Notice is hereby given that the FOURTEENTH HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Royal Exchange, Pitt and Bridge streets, Sydney, on FRIDAY, 26th February, at 3 p.m., to receive the Report and Balance-sheet of the Directors for the past half-year, and to transact such other business as may be brought forward in conformity with the Articles of Association.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th February until the 26th February, 1909, inclusive.
By order of the Board,
W. REDMOND,
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AUSTRALIAN XI v REST OF AUSTRALIA, at SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND.

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FOR SALE, good sec.-hand Sulky and Harness, cheap. Apply 85 Emma-st, Leichhardt.

SECOND-HAND SULKY, with hood, cheap. M'Laughlin, 251 Castlereagh-st, near L'pool-st.

FOR SALE, Horse, Cart, and Harness, fruit-dealer, bargain. 31 Willoughby-rd, Crow's Nest.

FOR SALE, 2 Ponies, 12 and 13 hds., yng., Sad., and Harn., trial. G. Potter, Canterbury, T., 617 Ash.

FOR SALE, cheap, Cow, newly calved, very quiet, 10 quarts. G. Potter, Canterbury, T., 617 Ashfield.

COWS.—2 Jerseys, models, 2nd calves at foot, good and quiet. Syd. Jackson, Croydon-av, Croydon.

YOUNG Man wants permanent Work for van or lorry lot, as required. Ribbons, Herald.

FOR SALE, reliable old HORSE, price £6. Apply Walter Pierce, Turramurra.

A.—14.2 Harness Pony, trial, price £4. Hammond's blacksmith's shop, opp. St. Geo. Hotel, Belmore.

MUST Sell, Spring Cart Turnout, £12; Confectioner's Waggon, gd. order, ch. Grocer, 81 Mitchell-st, Gl.

HEIFER, quiet, sm. breed cow, 2 yrs., for Sale. 36 Oxford-st, nr. Queen-st, Woollahra.

BAY Mare, 5 yrs., both hind feet white, brand, 3 nr., J und. sad., hog mane; £1 rew. 6 Grey-st, Kog'h.

FOR SALE, Sulky and Lamps, in good order, or Exchange for small one. 32 Kippax-st, Surry Hills.

FOR SALE, Waggon, covered, Horse, Harn., complete, suit hawker, or photographer. 197 Punta.-rd, Andle.

FOR SALE, a nice young Cow, very quiet, first calf, suit family. J. M'Dermott, Rookwood.

PONY, 12 h., thickset, very quiet, also Sulky and Harn., any tr., £16. 90 Chapel-st, Marrickville.

HANDSOME Red Roan S., H. Gelding, 5 yrs., good mover. 12 Burton-st, Camperdown.

QUIET sound Gelding, suit fam. or business, 16.1, easy price. After 2 p.m., 175 Church-st, Camperdown.

FOR SALE, Bay HORSE, aged, staunch in harness, suitable for quick work. 13 Belmore-st, Surry Hills.

SALE, PONY, 14 hands, and harness, trial. St. Omer, West Botany-rd, Arncliffe, near Wickham-st.

BEAUTIFUL young 11-hand PONY, quiet and free, Sulky, Har., 20 gns., trial. King-Short sts, F. Lge.

FOR SALE, Ayrshire COW, third calf, 5 days old. Mr. Brigg, Epping. Tel., 4.

HANDSOME Bay Gelding, stylish, quiet, B.S. Sulky, Har., sad. and harn. trial, cheap. 10 Short-st, F.L.

FOR Sale, very stylish Eng.-built Dogcart, alm. new, cost £65, sacrifice. 430 Crown-st, S. Hills.

WANTED, Horse, for dealer's van. Apply early, 55 Phillip-st, Enmore.

WANTED, single LORRY, must be good condition, able carry 30 cwt., large size. X. Y. Z., Herald.

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WANTED, a Horse, for a sociable, not over 6 yrs, state price, no dlrs. J. McGrath, Eddy-st, Bexley.

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WANTED, good sound PONY, 13.3, for cart work. 71 New Canterbury-rd, Petersham.

WANTED, good Milking GOAT, with kid preferred. No. 2 Lawson-st, Balmain.

WANTED, a SQUARE TURNOUT, or separate, at once. 74 Raglan-st, Waterloo.

DEAD and Worn-out Horses Bought, highest price. W. Tumeth, Bank-st, Chippendale. T., 236 Redfn.

DEAD Horses and Cows bought, to 10s a head, alive to £1. J. Connelly. Tel., 358 Redfern.

FRESHWATER BEACH LOTS.—Pleasant walk from tram. Auction, TO-MORROW, Sat. R. and W., Ltd.

NESTLE'S MILK is free from the sediment you generally find at the bottom of your milk jug.

ASCOT RACES. TO-MORROW, ASCOT RACES. SATURDAY.

HORSES, VEHICLES, & LIVE STOCK.

DEALER'S VAN, Horse, Harness, £7; Tipdray, Horse, Harness, £14; Butcher's Cart, Horse, Har., £10; Pony, Sulky, Har., £12; Heavy Horse, £4; small Pony. 307 Thomas-st, off Engine-st, Haymarket.

CASH or TERMS.—Ten Horses and Ponies, from £4; Village Cart Turnout, £12; Dealer's Turnout, £9; Sulky Turnout, £10; Grocer's Carts, Covered Waggons, Dealer's Van, £4. 41 Engine-st, Haymkt.

PONY, Tub, or Governess Carts, two of the best, highly finished, practically new, one by Windover, London, one by Angus and Son, Sydney, left on Sale. Tel., 3091. COOK'S Vehicle Ex., 218A Pitt-st.

CASH or Time Payment,—Tipdray Turnout, £10; Pony, Sulky, and Harness, £8; Village Cart Turnout, £6; Dealer's Turnout, £8; Springcart Turnout, £10; 20 Horses, Mares, Ponies. Newland, back 128 Geo.-st W.

NO further use, Pony, 14.1, very stylish, quiet, £6, any trial. No. 11 Munni-st, Newtown, off Union-st.

FOR SALE, COW, 3 parts Jersey, just calved, good rich milker. E. J. Lamb, Langdale, Pymble.

FOR Sale, Horse, Van, and Harness, 4 yrs. old, or separate. Fingleton, Bonda, Pile-st, Marrickville.

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THE ORIGINAL Mr. and Mrs. BENJAMIN still continue to give the utmost value for all kinds of LEFT-OFF CLOTHING Portmanteaux, Old Gold, Silver, and all kinds of Sundries. We send no representatives. 'Phone, 2614.

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Allen and Gregory, 40 Market-street.

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CUTTLEFISH, in large pieces. Price, etc., to Box 494, G.P.O.

TO Purchase, Daylight Enlarg. Camera, ¼-pl. to 12 x 15, Koresco pref.; or Lantern. Pars., 750, Herald.

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LIGHT and strong Tip Dray; superior Milk Cart. E. Cottle, 11 Walter-st, Croydon.

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WANTED to Buy, good sec.-hand Typewriter, suitable for travelling, no dealers. Type, Herald.

WANTED, Produce, Wood, and Coal Scales. H. Sturgeon, 58 Mary-st, Surry Hills.

WANT, House Furniture, 5 or 6 rooms, cash, at once. M. C., 32 Oxford-st, Paddington.

WANTED to buy, new or second-hand hand-power Circular Saw, 12in, and Bench. Box 1298, G.P.O.

WANTED, second-hand Van Tarpaulin. Wood yard, 33 Yelverton-st, St. Peters.

WANTED to Buy, Computing Scales, Pump, and Salt Board. L. Goldberg, 670 King-st, Newtown.

NESTLE'S MILK contains all the cream of the original milk.

ASCOT RACES. TO-MORROW, ASCOT RACES. SATURDAY.

AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horse Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 2.30 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above—

On account Mr. ALEX. T. CRESWICK, Ulonga Station, Hay.

40 High-class good quality light Horses, ranging in height from 15 to 16.2 high, with breeding and substance, all bays, browns, blacks, and chestnuts, the one brand, direct from the owner's station, suitable for shipment, also for carriage, buggy, cab, and the better class of light harness and saddle work, and by the following sires:—PERO, MUSTANG, and OTHELLO.

☞ Included in the lot are three Carriage Pairs, about 16 hands high.

The above breed of horses is so well and favourably known that comment is unnecessary. The whole consignment have been carefully broken in, quiet to lead, principally four year olds, and in the pink of condition.

On account Northern Agents, Maitland.

20 First-class Horses and Ponies, comprising 4 strong upstanding horses suitable for cab work, 1 Black Gelding, five years old, about 16 hands high, quiet in all kinds of harness, 8 Draughts, the balance strong business cart Horses, and a few useful Ponies.

On account Mr. T. F. PRATLEY, Bathurst.

10 Really Good Class Horses, comprising Heavy Draught Mare with foal at foot, 1 Champion Lady or Gent.'s Hack and Buggy Horse, 1 very fine Chestnut Harness Mare, suit draper's warehouse cart, very active; the balance useful Light Harness Horses, broken in, ready for immediate use.

On account Mr. F. DOLLAHAN, Bringelly.

Chestnut Mare, a splendid hackney, will carry a lady.

On account of Owner, Pennant Hills.

3 Heavy Draught Horses, all staunch, and in good condition.

On account of Owner (trucked at Camden).

6 superior strongly built Ponies, 12 to 13 hands high, all thoroughly broken to harness, ready for immediate use.

On account of Owner.

3 Heavy Draught Horses, broken in, and good workers.

On account of Owner.

Brown Draught Gelding, Bay Van Gelding, and Taffy Pony Gelding, all broken in.

On account of Mr. C. J. BOSWARD, North Sydney.

Chestnut Draught Gelding, broken in.

On account of Mr. W. SPEED, Five Dock.

Bay Draught Gelding, staunch and reliable.

On account of Owner.

Chestnut Van Gelding, good worker.

STYLISH B.S. SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. B. Montgomery to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Dark Brown Mare, thoroughly quiet in saddle and harness; Bent-shaft Sulky and Harness, in perfect order.

HOODED SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. THORP to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Bay Mare, reliable in harness, any trial; Hooded Sulky and Harness; making a neat lot.

FIRST-CLASS DOGCART.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. VOWELL to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30,

Light Dogcart, in good repair.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. F. CAUGHLAN to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

"LORD CLARE," Bay Gelding, by Clarion from a Messenger mare.

Full particulars at sale.

RELIABLE HARNESS MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. CRAWFORD and CO. to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Black Van Mare, any trial.

UPSTANDING S. AND H. MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. FOWLER to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Chestnut Mare, 17 hands, 6 yrs, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness.

MONSTER HORSE SALE at TAMWORTH.

FEBRUARY 25th, 26th, 27th.

GUARANTEE YARD 800 HEAD.

WM. INGLIS and SON, Sydney, in conjunction with LANDERS and CANTRELL, Tamworth, will hold their BIG HORSE SALE at TAMWORTH on the above dates (following Tamworth Show).

They guarantee to yard 800, but expect to have 1000 head forward.

280 DRAUGHTS are already booked from noted breeders, and included in these are a number of very HIGH-CLASS PEDIGREED DRAUGHT MARES and FILLIES.

WM. INGLIS and SON, Sydney, LANDERS and CANTRELL, Tamworth, Agents in conjunction.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

THIS AFTERNOON.

J. H. BEALE will sell by Auction, account Mr. C. Heckenberg, Liverpool.

6 Horses, comprising one light Draught Gelding, staunch and reliable; one Bay Mare and one Bay Horse, in good condition, thoroughly broken in; and 3 useful Springcart sorts.

Account various Owners.

10 Horses, broken.

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AUCTION SALES.

BLACKTOWN Cattle Sale. 250 Cattle, 250. Friday, 5th Feb., 11.45 a.m.—A. M'Ilree and Co., 56 Hunter-street, will sell by public auction, at their Blacktown Yards, as above, including 40 Heifers, 2 to 2½ years, Ayrshire-Durham cross, good condition; 30 Heifers, Jersey and Ayrshire crosses, 18 months, good condition; 15 young Store Cows, good sorts; 15 Springers, some forward; 23 choice Heifers, principally Ayrshire cross, 18 months to 2 yrs.; 30 Steers, 12 to 18 months; 25 Heifers, reds and roans, 18 months to 2 yrs., nice sorts; 50 Ayrshire Cross Heifers, a choice lot, 18 months old; 12 Steers, 12 to 18 months; 5 Cows and Heifers.

NOTE.—Train leaves Sydney 10.30 a.m. Cattle waggons can be secured at two-third rates.

PRODUCE SALES will be held TO-DAY, as under:— SHEEPSKINS, at 10.30 a.m.; HIDES, at 1.30 p.m.

GEO. H. MOXHAM and CO. sell by Auc., This Day, at Wool Exch., Sheepskins, 10.30; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO., will Sell by Auction at THEIR SALE ROOMS AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY,

Sucking Pigs and Carcase Pork, 1 p.m. sharp. Eggs, Butter, Bacon, etc., 2 p.m. Poultry, etc., 2.30 p.m.

C. J. TURNER sells at his Rooms, Valentine-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, as under:— 1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, Birds, etc. 1.30, Eggs, then Poultry.

ABSOLUTELY UNRESERVED SALE OF LARGE STOCK OF GROCERIES, etc., etc., etc.

Also ICE CHEST, PLANT, and FITTINGS, at

112 MARY-STREET, SURRY HILLS (behind Toohey's Brewery),

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, AT 2 O'CLOCK.

TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

GIBBS, SMITH, AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 35 P.O.-chambers, 114A Pitt-street.

NORTH SYDNEY.

UNRESERVED SALE OF HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE.

GIBBS, SMITH, AND CO., will sell by Auction on MONDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 8th, at 11 O'CLOCK, Under instructions from Mrs. Delany, who is relinquishing Housekeeping, at her residence,

44 ALFRED-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY,

THE WHOLE OF THE SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, consisting of

Piano, 9-piece Dining-room Suite, Sideboard, Overmantels, Dining Tables, Whatnots, Hall Stand, Pictures, first-class Linoleums, Curtains, Blinds, 12 Aust. Chairs, 3 Armchairs, 1 3-piece Walnut Suite, 4 Marble Top Washstands, Pair Walnut Toilets (English make), 5 Duchesse Chests, 2 Wardrobes, Bath-heater, Double and Single Italian-Top Beds, Horsehair and Kapok Bedding, Aust. Couch, Cedar Chiffonier, Meat Safe, Cruets, Plate, China, Cutlery, Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc.

NOTE.—The Auctioneers draw special attention to this Sale, as the whole of the Furniture is beautifully clean, and has only been 8 months in use.

DON'T FORGET DAY OF SALE. TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.

GIBBS, SMITH, AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 35 P.O.-Chambers, 114A Pitt-street.

TO BOOT MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS. THIS DAY AT 11 O'CLOCK AT BARLOW-STREET, HAYMARKET.

MIDDLETON and CO. are instructed to sell by auction, all the PLANT of a HIGH-CLASS BOOT FACTORY, including Singer and Wheeler and Wilson's Boot Manufacturers' Sewing Machines, with belting, fitted for electric power; Benches, Eyelet Machines, large quantity of Iron and Wood Boot Lasts, Emery, etc., Boot-finishing Machine, Leather Rolling Machine, Shafting and Brushes, Tools, Cardboard Boxes, Boot Uppers, Leather, Machinery, Soles, Pair Steps, etc. No Reserve.

THIS DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.

At 170 GEORGE-STREET WEST, near Shepherd-street.

MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, 50 remnants good Lino. and Oilcloth, 500 lots first-class new and second-hand Dresses, Skirts, Blouses, Jackets, Underclothing, Men's and Children's Clothing, 3 Carpets, Bed Clothing, and Sundries.

NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,

The Unredeemed pawned with A. MEALEY, of the Queen's-place Loan Office, 5 Queen's-place, Balmain East.

At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.

At 3 o'clock, Sundries and Jewellery.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2.30, at 72 KING-STREET, NEWTOWN. On account of Various Owners. Double and Single Bedsteads, Double and Single Safes, Kit. Dresser, Tables, Crockery, Lamps, Cutlery, Rugs, Carpets, Blinds, Curtains, Mats, Tapestry Tablecloths, Art Overmantel, Couch, Washstands and Ware, Cruets, Go-cart, Wicker Chairs, Kitchen Chairs, Aus. Chairs, Child's Chair, Pictures, Oil Paintings, Linoleum, and Sundries, also EUREKA GAS STOVE (407), Jean and Co., and Eureka (440).

FERGUSON and GREVILLE have been instructed to sell as above. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

UNREDEEMED CLOTHING SALE.

AT 18 ENMORE-ROAD, NEWTOWN.

J. RUSSELL JONES has received instructions from the N. S. W. MONT DE PIETE D. and I. CO., LTD., to sell by Auction at his Rooms, 18 ENMORE-ROAD, NEWTOWN (near Railway Bridge),

The Unredeemed Clothing of the abovementioned Company (late J. J. Burt and Co.), as advertised in this paper of the 27th instant.

TERMS CASH NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, FEBRUARY 5, at 11 a.m., AT 58 ALBION-STREET, ANNANDALE.

Under Imperative Instructions. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

A. C. Suite, Aust. Chairs, Dining Table, pair Toilets, Bedstead and Bedding, Crockery, Kitchen Utensils, etc. Also, Horse, Pagnel Cart, and Harness, Sulky and Harness.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above, THIS MORNING.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M., and CONTINUING ALL DAY.

TO SHOPKEEPERS, DEALERS, Etc. On the Premises, 225 OXFORD-STREET, CITY, opposite Darlinghurst-road.

UNRESERVED SALE of WATCHES, CLOCKS, PLATEDWARE, CUTLERY, TOYS, STATIONERY, and General Fancy Goods.

HENRY LEVY has received instructions from the Proprietor, who is relinquishing the business, to sell as above.

UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 93 George-street West, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. Jacob Aaron, of 172 Regent-street, Redfern, on WEDNESDAY, February 10, at 2 o'clock, 1908.—June—24, gold ring. July—21, g w ring; 20, silver watch. Sept.—14, 2 quilts; 24, silk skirt. Oct.—6, skirt; 7, Singer drophead 7-drawer sewing machine; 9, sac coat; 17, dress, remnant, calico; 22, boots; 27, skirt. Nov.—3, skirt, blouse, and belt. Also, a large number of pledges on which 5s and under has been lent.

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AUCTION SALES.

THE BLUFF ESTATE—MIDDLE HARBOUR.

TO-MORROW, AT 3.15 P.M.
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The Lady Rawson leaves Fort Macquarie at 2 p.m. sharp to-morrow, calling at the Spit at 2.45 p.m. to pick up purchasers who may have gone to inspect earlier. Tickets, including Return Trip, Refreshments, and Band, 3d each, from Auctioneers below.

AUCTION TO-MORROW, AT 3.15 P.M.

HENRY A. HALLORAN AND CO., 82 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION at

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE'S AUCTION SALE ROOMS AND GALLERIES, 128 and 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET,

THE COMPLETE APPOINTMENTS OF A GENTLEMAN'S RESIDENCE, REMOVED FROM THE NORTHERN SUBURBS FOR CONVENIENCE OF BUYERS, comprising

COMPLETE TABLE APPOINTMENTS, in GLASS, CHINA, AND SUPERIOR ELECTROPLATE.

ENGLISH, AXMINSTER, AND BRUSSELS CARPETS.

ANTIQUE OAK SIDEBOARD.

GENUINE SPECIMEN OF EARLY ENGLISH WORKMANSHIP.

THE DECORATION IS OF AN EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH ORDER, REPRESENTING CARVING OF MASKS AND FRUIT, EXECUTED IN HIGH RELIEF, 5ft.

ENGLISH OAK SIDEBOARD.

MASSIVE ENGLISH OAK DINING-ROOM SUITE. Ornately Carved Frames, Upholstered in Best Morocco Leather.

6ft MAHOGANY SIDEBOARD.

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FINE OLD SPANISH MAHOGANY BOOKCASE. HALL AND LIBRARY FURNITURE.

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made specially to order in England, and finished in the highest manner of cabinet workmanship. DRAWING-ROOM OCCASIONAL CHAIRS AND TABLES.

SEVERAL VALUABLE PIANOFORTES. FULL UPRIGHT GRAND MODELS, IN EXCELLENT ORDER, comprising

SUPERB WALNUT BLUTHNER, INLAID KIRKMAN, ROSEWOOD BROADWOOD, etc., etc. Also,

SEVERAL DRAWING-ROOM GRANDS.

TWO PARLOUR OR CHURCH ORGANS, PRACTICALLY NEW.

TWO PIANOLAS, etc., etc.

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IRON SAFE, by VALENTINE AND BUTLER, size 30 x 20 x 24.

SMALL BILLIARD TABLE, size 7ft 6, with Set Ivory Balls, Cues, Marking Board, etc., complete.

ITALIAN WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, MANUFACTURED SPECIALLY TO ORDER IN ENGLAND, comprising

COMMODIOUS 7ft WARDROBE, FULL CHEVAL PEDESTAL DRESSING TABLE, PEDESTAL WASHSTAND, etc., etc.

SEVERAL SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITES (FOR SINGLE ROOMS).

MASSIVE BLACK AND BRASS BEDSTEADS (for Double and Single Rooms),

TOGETHER WITH BEST BEDDING THROUGHOUT.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES, and A LARGE MISCELLANEOUS ASSORTMENT of GENERAL HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.

COMPLETE SET OF COMPUTING SCALES, in good order.

AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON.

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BOOT-PATCHING MACHINE, in excellent order.

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SIX CASES OF BROWN VARNISH.

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100 ROOMS FURNITURE FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, AT 11,

At the Haymarket Auction Rooms, George and Barlow streets.

3 First-class Pianos, for unreserved Sale, and by well-known makers.

Drawing and Dining Suites, Hallstands, Sideboards, any quantity Chairs.

Exten., Telescope, and other Dining Tables, all sizes. Table Covers, House Furnishings, Rugs and Mats. Double Beaconsfield and other Bedroom Suites, with Toiletware.

35 good Brass-mtd. Bedsteads, Wires, and Sets, complete, also Cots and Stretchers.

Perambulators, Gas Stoves, Large Boiler, Ice Chests, Table Plate, Glass and Crockery, Knives, Forks, and Spoons.

Carpets, Remnants Linoleum, for all size rooms. Kitchen Dressers, Safes, Tables, Chairs, Enamelware, and Kitchen Utensils.

E. HEDBEN BRODRIBB, AUCTIONEER.

THIS DAY, Feb. 5, at the City Mart, 8 Spring-street, at 11.30 a.m.

RIVER MOTOR BOAT.

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THIS DAY, FRIDAY,

ORDER OF SALE.

CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

CITY.—Warehouse, No. 73 York-street, between King and Barrack streets. Executors' Sale.

SURRY HILLS.—House, No. 324 Riley-street, between Fitzroy and Foveaux streets.

PADDINGTON.—Corner Shop and Dwelling, No. 48 Elizabeth and Windsor streets. Executors' Sale.

PADDINGTON.—Two Houses, MOORLINCH and ASKITT, Glenmore-road, corner of Lawson-street. Mortgagee's Sale.

MILSON'S POINT.—Cottage Residence, ILLINGULLIN, Fitzroy-street, North Sydney. Mortgagee's Sale.

ERSKINEVILLE.—Two W.B. Cottages, Nos. 74 and 76 Toogood-street, between Erskineville-road and Munni-street.

KENSINGTON.—Various Allotments, Eastern-avenue, Darling-street and Doncaster-avenue. IN LOTS. Executors' Sale.

MANLY.—W.B. Cottage, TRENTON, Alexander-street.

Ditto.—Three Allotments, Alexander-street. Farrell's Paddock Estate.

MARRICKVILLE.—Block of Land, Edinburgh-road, opposite Smidmore Estate.

LEICHHARDT.—Cottage, No. 65 Burfitt-street, off Marian-street. Mortgagee's Sale.

CHATSWOOD.—Cottage, Nea-street, off Orchard-road. Executors' Sale.

Ditto.—Allotment, Albert-avenue. Executors' Sale.

Ditto.—Allotment, Orchard-road. Executors' Sale.

WATSON'S BAY.—Cottage, Gap-road, near Council-chambers.

HUNTER'S HILL.—Cottage, BELGRAVIA, Joubert-street.

GLADESVILLE.—Two Allotments, Great Northern-road. Executors' Sale.

Ditto.—Allotment, Wharf-road and River. Executors' Sale.

RYDE.—Block, 20ac. 1r. 29p., Herring-street and Shrimpton's Creek. Executors' Sale.

MORTLAKE.—Water Frontage Block, Hilly-street and Major's Bay. Executors' Sale.

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In the Most Important Softgoods Centre of the City, and only one door from King-street. Land 30ft x 124ft.

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AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

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UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE of SUPERIOR BUILDING MATERIALS, CONTAINED IN A BLOCK OF BUILDINGS situate Corner of HARRIS and GEORGE STREETS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

JAMES COWAN, acting under instructions from F. E. MUNRO, Contractor for new premises, will sell in Lots.

INTERNAL FITTINGS, comprising DOORS, ARCHITRAVES, SKIRTINGS, JAMB LININGS. BOXFRAMES and SASHES, GRATES and MANTELS. SHOP ENTRANCE DOORS. PLATEGLASS SHOP FRONTS. HARDWOOD JOISTS, RAFTERS, BATTENS. 4 x 1 T. and G. KAURI, 6 x 1 T. and G., 6 x ½ T. and G., and SUNDRY LOTS.

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THE MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

LOAN "W," OF £400,000, AT 4 PER CENT. FOR THIRTY-SIX YEARS.

(REPAYABLE 1945.)

(BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR ALLOTMENT, £215,000.)

In exercise of the powers conferred by The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts of the Parliament of Victoria, of 1890, 1893, 1897, 1900, and 1905, numbered 1197, 1351, 1491, 1523, 1714, and 2007 respectively, THE MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS has resolved to contract a Loan of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS (£400,000) by debentures, redeemable in Thirty-six Years, secured upon the Metropolitan General Fund, and upon all rates leviable by the Board upon the City of Melbourne and the other Metropolitan Municipalities.

The proceeds of this Loan are to be applied to redeem a Loan (P) of £400,000 at 4 per cent. maturing on the 1st April, 1909.

A BALANCE OF £215,000 IS AVAILABLE FOR ALLOTMENT, AND TENDERS FOR THIS AMOUNT ARE NOW INVITED.

The debentures will bear interest from the 1st April, 1909, at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, on the 1st October and the 1st April, the first payment of such interest being due on the 1st October, 1909.

The debentures will be issued in denominations of £50, £100, and £500; and applicants must state in their tenders the number and value of the debentures they desire to receive.

Tenders will be received at the Board's Offices, 110 Spencer-street, Melbourne, for the whole amount or any portion thereof, until 2.30 p.m. ON THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1909.

Each tender must be sealed, addressed to "The Chairman of The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works," and endorsed "Tender for Loan Debentures."

Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit in cash, by a bank cheque payable to the Secretary of The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, or by debentures of Loan "P," equal to 10 per cent. of the FACE VALUE of the debentures applied for, and, if allotment be made in full, or pro rata, the balance or any portion thereof may be paid at any time after notification of acceptance of tender. BUT THE FINAL INSTALMENT MUST BE PAID NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, 29th MARCH, 1909.

Failure to pay the final instalment on the due date will cause the deposit of 10 per cent. and accrued interest thereon to be forfeited to the Board.

Interest upon deposit and balance, or instalments thereof, as shown by receipts issued by the Treasurer of the Board, will be allowed to accepted tenderers at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, from dates of payment up to 31st March, 1909, inclusive, but amounts represented by Loan "P" debentures, accepted as deposit, balance, or instalments, will not bear interest. Final coupons of Loan "P" debentures may be retained by applicants, and will be paid by the Board upon maturity.

Interest will not be paid upon premiums.

Debentures of Loan "W" will be issued by the Board as soon as available.

No tender below £101 5s per £100 will be accepted.

Tenders of the highest premium will have preference, and to Tenderers of even rates debentures will be allotted proportionately to the applications. Tenders at a price, including a fraction of a shilling other than sixpence, will not be preferentially accepted in respect of such fraction.

Members of recognised Stock Exchanges of Australasia will be allowed brokerage of ¼ per cent. upon their accepted tenders.

Tenders will be opened at the time and place before specified, in the presence of Tenderers or their agents.

Principal and interest will be payable at the Board's Offices, in Melbourne.

Under authority conferred by Acts of Parliament, the Board is empowered to borrow a sum of £7,750,000, exclusive of £2,389,933 payable to the State Government of Victoria in connection with the Metropolitan Water Supply Works transferred to, and vested in, the Board. Of the amount last mentioned, a sum of £701,271 has been paid out of loan moneys, leaving a balance payable to the State Government of £1,688,662.

By Section 8 of Act No. 1351, it is provided that any corporate body (including the Commissioners of Savings Banks in the Colony of Victoria) may invest any portion of their funds or moneys in their control in the purchase of any debentures issued by The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works pursuant to the Principal Act, and any executors, administrators, or trustees having the power or duty of investing any trust moneys may purchase with or out of such trust moneys (unless forbidden to do so by the instrument under which they act, or unless some particular mode of investment is thereby prescribed) any debentures issued by the said Board pursuant to the Principal Act, and every such purchase shall be deemed a due investment of any such funds or moneys.

By Section 22 of the Trusts Act, 1896, No. 1421, it is provided (inter alia) that it shall be lawful for a trustee, unless expressly forbidden by the instrument (if any) creating the trust, or unless some particular mode of investment is thereby prescribed, to invest any trust funds in his hands in debentures issued by The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, and it shall also be lawful for a trustee authorised by any Act of the Parliament of Victoria, or by the instrument creating the trust, or by this section, to invest in debentures issued by The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, notwithstanding that the price paid therefor by such trustee exceeds the redemption value.

Copies of the authorising Acts and other relevant documents may be inspected at the offices of the Board.

Prospectuses and tender forms can be obtained upon application at the Board's Offices, the Commercial Bank, the Bank of Victoria, the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank, the National Bank, and their various branches and agencies, and upon application to the members of the Stock Exchange of Melbourne, and the other Stock Exchanges in Victoria and the adjoining States.

By Order of the Board,
W. J. CARRE RIDDELL, Chairman.
GEO. A. GIBBS, Secretary.

Offices of The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works,
110 Spencer-street, Melbourne,
2nd February, 1909.

STRICTLY PRIVATE Advances made on any security at Lowest Rates and Easy Terms by N.S.W. MONT DE PIETE (Southern Branch), 124 GEORGE-STREET WEST, nearly opp. Grace Bros. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Evenings, 7 to 9 o'clock.

STRICTLY PRIVATE.—MONEY ADVANCED on Furniture and Pianos (without possession or registration), Deeds, Personal or any security. No fees or lees. Easy Repayments. Existing Loans paid off. J. BLOOM,
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ANY PERSON requiring a LOAN of MONEY PRIVATELY, please write to me, or CALL ANY EVENING from 7 to 9. B. JONES, 60 REGENT-STREET, off OXFORD-STREET, PADDINGTON.

TRUST FUNDS.—Large and Small Sums to Lend on Mortgage or Building Loans by progress payments, low interest, no commission. G. A. RAVES, Solicitor, Bank Exchange-building, 118 Pitt-street.

BRETNALL and SON, Solicitors, 84 Elizabeth-st, Sydney, have Moneys to Lend on Mortgage.

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SMALL LOANS arranged privately, from £1, no charges, easy repayments. Faith, P.O., Ashfield.

GEO. TAYLOR, 155 Q.V. Markets, Lends Money priv., and at lower interest than any other office.

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£4 for 10s int., WITHOUT SECURITY.
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ANYONE wishing to obtain a Loan privately, kindly write to me, or call any evening from 7 to 9.
Mrs. BOND, 96 Albion-street, Annandale.
Take Leichhardt tram to Johnston-street.

ANY PERSON requiring a LOAN, with the STRICTEST PRIVACY and on the EASIEST OF TERMS, WRITE or CALL on BERNARD JONES, 17 LINDEN-COURT, 1st floor, corner Market and Castlereagh sts.

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CEMENT, "Parkes" Shovels, Gads, Wedges, Picks, Stone Forks. Macintosh, 307 Pitt-st.

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LATEST Buildings, cheaper than W'boards, new, special designs, plans, etc. £2 2s. W. F. Padey, Orange

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.

TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned for:—

(a) The SUPPLY, DELIVERY, and ERECTION of 4 MOTOR GENERATORS, until 3 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, March 1, 1909.
Specifications may be obtained at the Office of the City Electrical Engineer, Queen Victoria Markets, Sydney, on payment of one guinea, which will be returned only on receipt of a bona fide tender.
Persons tendering must lodge with the City Treasurer before the time specified for the reception of tenders a cash deposit of five hundred pounds (£500).
Tenders for the above plant were invited immediately after the arrival of the mail in England which left Sydney on November 24, 1908.
Specifications may be obtained from Messrs. Preece and Cardew, London.

(b) The SUPPLY, DELIVERY, and ERECTION of 5 WATER TUBE BOILERS, with ECONOMISERS, FEED PUMPS, PIPE WORK, and all ACCESSORIES, until 3 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, February 22, 1909.
Specifications, drawings, etc., may be obtained at the office of the City Electrical Engineer, Queen Victoria Markets, Sydney, on payment of one guinea, which will be returned only on receipt of a bona-fide tender.
Persons tendering must lodge with the City Treasurer before the time specified for the reception of tenders a cash deposit of one thousand pounds (£1000).
Tenders for the above plant were invited in Great Britain immediately after the arrival of the mail which left Sydney on November 3, 1908.

(c) The SUPPLY, DELIVERY, and ERECTION of Two 4000 and One 400 KILO WATT TURBO ALTERNATORS, with condensing plant, until 3 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, May 31, 1909.
Tenders for the WHOLE of the plant will only be considered.
Specifications may be obtained at the office of the City Electrical Engineer, Queen Victoria Markets, Sydney, on payment of one guinea, which will be returned only on receipt of a bona fide tender.
Persons tendering must lodge with the City Treasurer before the time specified for the reception of tenders a cash deposit of one thousand pounds (£1000).
Tenders for the above plant were invited in Great Britain immediately after the arrival of the mail which left Sydney on February 2, 1909.

(d) The SUPPLY and FIXING OF SUB-STATION SWITCHGEAR at Town Hall and Lang Park Substations, until 3 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, 22nd February, 1909.
Specifications, etc., may be seen at the Office of the City Electrical Engineer, Queen Victoria Markets, Sydney.
Persons tendering must lodge with the City Treasurer before the time specified for the reception of tenders a cash deposit of one hundred pounds (£100).

(e) The SUPPLY and LAYING of HIGH TENSION SUBMARINE CABLES, until 3 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, February 22, 1909.
Specifications may be obtained at the Office of the City Electrical Engineer, Queen Victoria Markets, Sydney, on payment of one guinea, which will be returned only on receipt of a bona-fide tender.
Persons tendering must lodge with the City Treasurer before the time specified for the reception of tenders a cash deposit of one hundred pounds (£100).

(f) The ERECTION and COMPLETION of CHIMNEY STACK at the Generating Station, Pyrmont, until 3 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, February 8, 1909.
Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the City Building Surveyor, Town Hall, Sydney.
Persons tendering must lodge with the City Treasurer before the time specified for the reception of tenders a cash deposit of one hundred pounds (£100).

(g) The COLLECTION of GLASS and IRON from TIP, until 3 o'clock p.m. on WEDNESDAY, February 10, 1909.
Specifications may be seen at the office of the Chief Inspector of City Cleansing, Town Hall, Sydney.
Persons tendering must lodge with the City Treasurer before the time specified for the reception of tenders a cash deposit of one pound (£1).

(h) The RE-WOODPAVING of the following Streets, until 3 o'clock p.m. on TUESDAY, February 9, 1909:—
MARTIN-PLACE,
PARK-STREET,
MACQUARIE-STREET,
MOORE-STREET.
Specifications may be obtained at the office of the City Surveyor on and after February 3, 1909, under the usual conditions.
Persons tendering must lodge with the City Treasurer before the time specified for the reception of tenders a cash deposit of seventy-five pounds (£75).

GENERAL CONDITIONS.
Any alteration modification, or addition to the specifications or general conditions of any of above contracts will render the tender informal.
Tenderers will please note that the cash deposit MUST NOT be enclosed with their tender, but must be paid direct into the City Treasury, and an official receipt obtained.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
W. G. LAYTON,
Acting Town Clerk.
Town Hall,
Sydney, February 2, 1909.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.

LETTING OF TOWN HALL.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until 3 o'clock p.m. on THURSDAY NEXT, 11th February instant, for the HIRE of the GREAT HALL, TOWN HALL, Sydney, for
GOOD FRIDAY
and
EASTER MONDAY.
Tenderers must state for what the purpose the Hall is required, and lodge a deposit of ten pounds (£10) with the City Treasurer before the time specified for the reception of tenders.
Full particulars may be had on application at this office.
W. G. LAYTON,
Acting Town Clerk.
Town Hall,
Sydney, 4th February, 1909.

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250 rolls Sanitaries .... roll	/8	/6
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200 rolls Gold and Grounds	2/	1/6
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250 rolls Satins .... roll	1/	/8
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850 rolls Square Block patterns, for halls	/8	/5
200 rolls Figured Tiles	1/8	1/
150 rolls Gold Dados, Panels	5/6	4/

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CHAPTER VII.
A GUEST IN ROHN.

The first thing I did, on staggering from a heap of brushwood against which I had stumbled, was to tear the sack from my head and shoulders with inward thanks that my hands were free. My men were not long in following my example, and soon the three of us were blundering over faggots, empty casks, and other obstacles of which we knew not the nature, in an eager search for the door. At length we gained it, not without many a bruise and stumble, to find it locked and the frame so stout that it withstood our united efforts to force it outwards.

Then, as if struck by a common impulse, we listened in the pitchy darkness, listened intensely and in fear, for that, which we guessed must be taking place in the room, we would have defended with our lives. Heaven knows, in the blackness of that dark cellar I breathed a prayer for that lone old fighter at issue with his foes, for the child of the brave, true spirit. But evidence of struggle there was none—not a cry, not a groan reached us. Footfalls indeed we heard, above us and on the further side of the door, and now and again low voices, but nought else. What was like to befall us was as much a riddle as was the end of the wounded man. Momentarily we looked for the knaves' return, and groping on the flags that formed the floor of cellar, each chose a stick or billet of wood that we might play our parts when the time should come.

After waiting a weary while we caught the voice of the leader of the band, though what he said we could not hear. Then in the distance we fancied we heard other sounds, sounds fraught with evil import; the ring of a pick and the steady scrape of a spade.

As the night wore on, all grew still once more but for the scurry and squeal of the rats about us, and as we leaned, wide awake upon the piled-up faggots, hours must have slipped away, for at last to our joy it seemed that a dim light was breaking in our prison.

Yes, it was the dawn, though for a moment I feared that my vision was playing me a trick. Gradually I could make out the outlines of a small window at the far end of the cellar beyond piles of sticks and brushwood, and as the light grew I was able to distinguish the features of my men, the grey walls of the vault, the heavy door through which we had been thrust with the lock upon its inner face. And, strange to say, almost the first object upon which my glance fell in the morning light was a key hanging upon a nail high in the wall, and not above a yard from the entrance. Eagerly I grasped it, hardly daring to hope that it could give us our liberty, but with an ease that I had never expected the bolts shot back, and slowly the door swung open and we were free.

Bright shone the sun through the entry as we sprang into the hall, but for the wreck of the main door there was no sign of the rough work of the night. The broken framework, shattered panels, and some splinters strewed the flags, but for these the place was empty.

It was then we turned to the stair. Willingly would I have yielded pride of place to my followers, as slowly and in dread for that which might meet my gaze, I clambered upwards, strode across the landing, and threw back the door of the chamber wherein I had last set eyes on old Johann Schalk.

There lay the bed with the coverings upon it, there the stool on which I had sat, and there stood the table, not where I had placed it, however, but drawn towards the middle of the room. There was nought else, no sign of struggle, of grim defiance, of villains' handiwork, nor of father nor child.

The place was bare; a few ashes lay on the hearth in the further room, a cauldron was hanging above them, and upon a table beneath a window that was wide open and shutterless lay three Austrian sabres, two whole and one in halves—the troopers' swords and mine that I had broken in the forcing of the window on my entrance into the house.

Of violence or bloodshed there was not a trace, nor a clue to what had become of old Schalk and his child, till I returned to the other chamber, and, happening to glance out of the window, which was unshuttered, a piece of ground new-dug in the centre of the open space before the house caught my notice. With the dew glistening upon it, that patch of brown earth was in strange contrast to the emerald turf of the clearing, yet its shape was familiar, unmistakeable; it was a new-made grave.

At the thought of him whom I knew must rest beneath, of her, who for aught I knew, lay sleeping at her father's side, my cheeks grew hot. Coolly planned, as coolly performed, was these peasants' revenge, yet as to what must have passed in that room but a few hours before, I could not hazard a guess. There lay the earth, eloquent of a tragedy of whose latest details I knew nothing.

It was the sight of my troopers, who finding nought to satisfy their curiosity, had tramped downstairs again, that roused me from my reverie, the sight of my troopers leading our three chargers. I hurried down and out into the sunlight. Whatever their guilt, these ruffians had been scrupulous in the matter of our lives and property.

The beasts seemed little the worse, as they nibbled the grass, and seeing as little could be learnt as gained by prolonging our stay at the place, I gave the word to mount, and with one last look at that lonely grave, at the yawning entrance to the house, led the way down the path to Rohn.

An hour in the morning air went far in dispelling the gloom with which the events of the night had filled me. An adventure that at one time bid fair to cost us dear, had ended with no worse than the breaking of a sword, and a few bruises, the result of our resistance to those who had disarmed us.

In less than three hours we were in sight of the castle, and it was with no small relief that about ten in the morning, I drew rein in the lower courtyard to receive my corporal's report.

Blank was my face at the news with which the man met me. It was bad enough that I should have been absent for a whole night—all in Rohn must know it further, it might reach as far as Vienna to Her Majesty's ears—but it was unfortunate indeed that during my unlooked-for absence there should have arrived at the castle an officer of Colonel zu Nettern's staff from Salzburg.

Of his name Karl Knecht could not tell me—the man's brain was a very sieve for names—but he told me how the newcomer had seen fit to inspect the guard on the preceding evening, how he had inquired most minutely of my whereabouts and how, to crown all, he had supped with the Countesses of Rohn. The man's tale took my breath away. That these head-strong ladies, who had sworn deepest hatred for all things Austrian, could sup with one who wore the hated uniform, passed my belief. In a moment it flashed across my mind that the newcomer must be a spy, and closely, nay, harshly, I questioned my corporal. But in spite of my doubts and ill-humour the man's excuse was admissible; I admitted that he could have scarce refused entrance and lodging to one of our armies, who demanded speech with the officer in command and bore despatches from his immediate superior.

With uniform soiled, boots mired, unshaven and in woeful disarray, but bent on learning the stranger's business, I sprang hastily up the stairway to the upper court, to stand stock still on gaining the topmost step.

Had the spirits of the dead von Rohns been marshalled beneath the famous Karl the Red to welcome my return, I could not have confessed to greater astonishment. There in this courtyard, wherein I had never seen them in my life before, sat the ladies Ines and Elsa, beneath the shadow of the spreading bay tree, with one in the white uniform of a regiment of Austrian grenadiers. It was upon this latter and not upon the sisters, however, that my eyes were fixed; nor their beauty, nor the ripple of their laughter, could hold my attention. Wide-eyed I gaped at their companion, this fortunate gentleman with whom the fairest in Bavaria appeared on such excellent terms, and who was none other than Captain von Wegen, he whom I had met in the tavern of the Three Kings in the capital, and whose aid I had had it in my mind to seek at Seekirchen.

At that instant the three became aware of my presence; the Countess Ines started slightly, her sister's face grew grave, and von Wegen, rising as I advanced and saluting me without a glance of the faintest recognition, at once sought to make himself known.

"I have the honour of addressing Captain von Lealy, of her Majesty's Regiment of Szegedin," said he. "My name's von Wegen, of his Highness' staff, and having business of late in Salzburg, with the permission of Colonel zu Nettern, I journeyed here for the sake of renewing my acquaintance with the ladies of the castle."

(To be continued.)

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LAW REPORT.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Murray.)

BETTLES v NEWMAN.

Eliza Jane Bettles, of Newtown, sued Frederick John Newman, of Nelson Bay-road, Waverley, administrator of the estate and effects of Alfred Newman, deceased, who died intestate, for £141 6s 8d, which she claimed was due for services rendered as housekeeper, and for clerical assistance to deceased in the office of registrar of births, marriages, and deaths at Newtown (of which he was registrar), at 10s per week from April, 1900, to January 29, 1908. An amount of £58 was stated to have been paid on account of a total claim of £199 6s 8d.

Mr. H. C. Ellison Rich appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. A. Ferguson (instructed by Mr. G. Crichton Smith) for the defendant.

The defendant pleaded never indebted, that the plaintiff had been paid, and that the estate of the deceased had been administered.

The case was not concluded when the Court adjourned.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse and juries of 12.)

Mr. Harris prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

PLEADED GUILTY.

Robert Leslie Poulton, aged 17, pleaded guilty to stealing at Hornsby two letters, one containing a postal note for 20s, and the other a postal note for 10s, the property of the Postmaster-General. Mr. Doherty (of Messrs. Minter, Simpson, and Co.) appeared for prisoner, and applied that he might be released under the First Offenders' Act. He handed in references as to his client's previous good character.

Prisoner was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, but the sentence was suspended upon prisoner finding sureties himself in £50 and one surety in the same amount for his good behaviour. He was also ordered to make restitution of the money appropriated within one month.

Arthur Pearce, aged 19, pleaded guilty to a charge of having on December 11, at Randwick, broken into and entered the dwelling-house of John Wills, with intent to steal. Mr. J. J. Carroll appeared for Pearce, and called the mother of the prisoner, who stated that about eight years ago her son met with an accident, which resulted in serious injury to his head. Since then, he could easily be influenced by other persons, and she sent him to sea in the hope that the discipline would prove beneficial.

Mr. Carroll said that, unfortunately, in this case, Pearce had already been dealt with as a first offender.

His Honor: He is one of the few who, in my experience, come back.

Mr. Carroll said that since a sentence of imprisonment was imposed upon Pearce in September, 1907, he had worked as a seaman on various boats, and it was about a fortnight after he left his last vessel that he fell under the influence of Larter, who, on Monday, had pleaded guilty to a similar charge.

Pearce also pleaded guilty to a charge of having, on December 17 last, broken into the dwelling-house of William Bailey, at Petersham, with intent to steal. The prisoner was remanded for sentence.

ACQUITTED.

Joseph Woods, Alphonse Richard Thuaux, and Ernest M'Cron were charged with having, on January 2 last, at Balmain, assaulted one Peter Brady, and maliciously inflicted grievous bodily harm upon him. The case for the Crown was that on the date mentioned, Peter Brady and his brother, Thomas, were opposite the Callan Park Hotel, when prosecutor, who was under the influence of drink, had an altercation with, and struck, a man named George Wise. The latter then knocked Brady down, and while he was on the ground, prisoners kicked him so severely that he was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition, and was laid up for 17 days. Thomas Brady, who was perfectly sober at the time, swore to the prisoners as the men who committed the assault, but the accused denied the charge on oath, and called witnesses in support of their plea.

The jury acquitted prisoners, who were discharged.

CHARGE OF LARCENY.

Robert Lorane Montford was charged that, on November 17 last, at Paddington, he stole one watch, a watch-chain, a till, and 15s in money, the property of William Shakespeare. Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. Mocatta, instructed by Messrs. Allen, Allen, and Hemsley.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and prisoner was remanded to gaol to complete the sentence he is now serving.

SENTENCES.

Albert Foster, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money by means of false pretences, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment in Bathurst gaol. There were previous convictions against the prisoner, who was last discharged on November 12 last.

Edward Smith, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny, and also to a second charge of obtaining money by means of false pretences, was brought up for sentence. There were several other convictions against the prisoner, and his Honor sentenced him to two years' imprisonment in Bathurst gaol in each case. He also declared prisoner to be an habitual criminal.

William Laurence King, an American seaman, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing in a dwelling, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment in Goulburn gaol.

Charles Higgs, who was convicted of stealing two bags, containing certain goods, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment in Bathurst gaol, with hard labour.

Kendrick Hampson, 20, who pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking into a shop and stealing therefrom, was brought up for sentence. There were previous records against him, and he was sentenced to hard labour in Bathurst gaol for two years and six months. His Honor pointed out that if prisoner came up again he would be liable to be declared an habitual criminal.

William Hargraves, 24, who had pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a dwelling and stealing therefrom, was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour in Bathurst gaol for two years and six months. His Honor warned the prisoner, against whom there were other convictions, that one more conviction would qualify him as an habitual criminal.

Alfred Boyle, who pleaded guilty to a charge of endeavouring to break into a shop and steal therefrom, was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour in Goulburn gaol for four months, then to find a surety in £50 for good behaviour for 12 months; in default of finding such surety, to undergo a further term of eight months' imprisonment.

The Court then rose for the day.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

SUPREME COURT.

In Chambers.—Before Mr. Justice Pring, in No. 3 Jury Court.—At 10 a.m.: Ex parte Hamill, prohibition; ex parte Hammill, mandamus; Minter and another v Grundamann, for examination of judgment debtor; in re gent, one, etc., ex parte A. H. Wright and Co., to enter up judgment; in re gent., etc., for taxation.

In Divorce.—Before Mr. Justice Pring.—At 10 a.m., in No. 3 Jury Court: Attwood v Attwood, for custody of children; Harris v Harris, for release from custody.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Chief Clerk: Moore v Moore, 10.15 a.m.; Taylor v Taylor, Utick co-respondent, 10.15 a.m.

In Equity.—Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11: Minister for Works v Wilson (Coker), adjourned taxation and inquiry. At 12 noon: Ex parte Swallow, adjourned.

The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—Walter P. Pridham, 10 a.m.; Doag Chas, 10.30 a.m.; Alma M. Freyer, 11 a.m.; Sophia Bishop, 11.15 a.m.; Helena Gannon, 11.30 a.m.; Charles J. Morton, 12 noon; Rebecca Gee, 12.45 p.m.; Phillip Rich, 2 p.m.

The following costs will be taxed before the Registrar:—Charles Baldwin (1st), 11 a.m.; Charles Baldwin (2nd), 11.30 a.m.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Murray.—At 10 a.m.: Examinations of judgment, debtors (in Chambers in No. 2 Court):—John Darling and Son v Manning, Harden v Browne, the Commissioners of Taxation v Black. Motions generally (in No. 1 Court):—Caldwell and another v Dansey, David Jones, Limited, v Robson, McKenzie v Gorman, Booker v Hirst, McDonald v Price. Causes:—Hall v the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways; Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, Limited, v Wheeler, Caldwell, and another, claimants. Not before 2 p.m.:—Bettles v Newman (part heard).

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Peter Anderson, burglary; William Martin, break, enter, and steal; Robert Murphy, found at night with housebreaking implements in possession; Millie Young, steal from the person.

INDUSTRIAL BOARDS.

Industrial Court-house, Queen's Square.—Before the Chairman and members, at 3 p.m.—For hearing: Hotel, Club, Restaurant, and Caterers' Employees' Union v the United Licensed Victuallers' Association (part heard).

Central Police Court, Sydney.—Before the Chairman and members, at 7 p.m.—For hearing: Dispute between members of the Factory Employees' Union of New South Wales, claimants, and the Jam Manufacturers' Association, respondents (part heard).

Illustrations appearing in the "Sydney Mail" this week are:—Finish for the Bathurst Cup—Delegates at the Labour Conference—At Broken Hill: Chaos on the Railroad—The Flagship at the Anniversary Regatta—The Retiring Chief Justice—Views in and Around Glen Innes—Dispersal of a Dairy Herd at Numba.—Advt.

"Round the World" is the title given to one of the pages in this week's "Sydney Mail." It contains pictures of the steamer Warrcember—Committee of the Bathurst Jockey Club—Australian Apples in the Hamburg Fruit Exchange—Specimens of Alaska Wheat.—Advt.

THE NAVAL DISASTER.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

The City Coroner (Mr. S. Murphy) yesterday continued the inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of the 15 victims of the collision between the steamer Dunmore and a pinnace belonging to H.M.S. Encounter on January 5 last.

Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Gaden, appeared on behalf of Captain Hansen, of the Dunmore; Mr. Hayes, of the Crown Law Department, watched the case on behalf of the police; and Mr. Russell (Messrs. Sly and Russell) appeared for the senior naval officer on the station.

Charles Smith, captain's steward of the Encounter, said the Dunmore was from 150 to 200 yards away when he first saw her. She seemed as if she would clear them, but a few seconds later she altered her course almost at right angles to the launch. She came on in an indifferent, callous manner, and the men in the boats shouted, "Look what is coming down on us; go astern." Witness said, "They seem to be Dagoes; they don't seem to understand."

Mr. Broomfield said the witness had no right to use such an expression.

Witness, continuing, said the Dunmore came straight on, and the collision took place. She did not sound her whistle—at any rate, he did not hear it—but continued going ahead for about 200 yards after the impact, and remained there about five minutes. The Dunmore then came back again, and brushed past the upturned pinnace.

To the Coroner: He had been at sea 30 years. He could not say whether the launch's course was altered before the collision.

To Mr. Broomfield: He heard no one from the forecastle head of the Dunmore call out to cut the painter. He had not rehearsed his evidence.

George Montague Maunders, second-class petty officer of the Encounter, said he was in the pinnace when the collision occurred. When he first saw the Dunmore she was about 100 to 150 yards away, and was blowing her siren and changing her course to starboard. He would not say whether the blast was a long one or a short one. The Dunmore was going ahead after the collision.

To the Coroner: When the men were thrown into the water witness started to swim ashore, and saw three of his mates, who appeared to be swimming all right. Then the Dunmore backed, and when within about five yards of these three men they disappeared. He believed it was the suction of the steamer that took them down.

Harold Ernest Thompson, petty officer and gunnery instructor on the Encounter, said he first saw the Dunmore when she was about 50 yards off. The impact threw him into the water. When he came to the surface he saw Captain Hansen on the bridge of the Dunmore, and called out, "Where the —— are you coming to? Why don't you go astern?" The captain did not reply, but walked to the centre of the bridge. The Dunmore kept on for about 100 yards before she started to come astern. Several men were smoking on the port quarter of the Dunmore, and witness hailed them and asked why they did not lower a boat or give assistance. They took no notice.

Ernest Marr, stoker on the Encounter, who was on the pinnace, said that after the collision he came up about a couple of yards from the stern of the Dunmore. The propeller had just stopped. Witness heard it revolving while he was under water. He started to swim for the small boat astern of the Dunmore and climbed in and let her loose. By that time the Dunmore had started to go astern. She went ahead about her own length before she started to come astern. The men on the Dunmore did nothing at all to help the men in the water, as far as he saw.

To Mr. Broomfield: When he was getting into the boat someone on the Dunmore called out to "Let that boat go; you'll capsize her. Your own boat is close. Make for it." Drysdale was in the boat at the time, but he was partly unconscious and perhaps did not hear it.

William Drysdale, stoker on the Encounter, was also in the pinnace. The first he heard in the way of trouble was the coxswain saying to cut the painter. The Dunmore was then on top of them. He tried to jump out of the boat, but before he could do so he was pitched out.

The inquest was adjourned till 10 a.m. to-day.

SUGGESTED FERRY TO LITTLE SIRIUS COVE.

MOSMAN REQUIREMENTS.

A deputation representing the Mosman Council and the residents of that portion of the municipality adjacent to Little Sirius Cove waited upon the Sydney Ferries, Ltd., yesterday with a request for the establishment of a ferry service to that portion of Mosman.

Dr. Arthur, M.L.A., introduced the deputation, which consisted of the Mayor (Alderman J. J. Glover), the aldermen of the municipality, and many prominent residents.

It was urged that in view of the large settlement that had taken place in and around Little Sirius Cove, the ferry company should establish a service there to meet present and growing requirements.

The directors, while admitting that they were inclined to consider the request, gave no definite promise. They, however, intimated that they were willing to meet delegates of the parties interested on the ground, on a date to be arranged, when the whole matter could be more thoroughly discussed, and the best available site agreed upon for the erection of a wharf, as well as a consideration of the cost likely to be involved. The directors would then be in a position to give a definite answer. They indicated their preference to a feeder, rather than an independent service, and suggested that the present requirements would be met if a subsidiary service were established, and provision made for a service from the site to be chosen at Little Sirius Cove to the Musgrave-street Wharf, where the ordinary Mosman service would be connected with.

Another matter brought under the notice of the company was that of providing increased sanitary accommodation on the eastern side of the Balmoral reserve, abutting on to the 10 acres recently acquired by the Government as a park. The directors agreed that, if the Tramway Department and the council were each willing to meet a third of the cost, it would be quite prepared to meet the remaining third of the cost.

Yet another matter was introduced—the improved sanitary arrangements at the Mosman Wharf. Again the directors intimated that they were quite prepared to contribute a third of the cost of the proposed new system. The site of the present convenience is almost at water level, and it is proposed to inaugurate a system by which the sewage might be electrically pumped into the present high-level system.

HEALTH BOARD OFFICIALS.

CRITICISM AT ALEXANDRIA.

ALDERMAN'S SPORTING OFFER.

At a meeting of the Alexandria Council on Wednesday Alderman Reilly moved,—"That that portion of resolution appointing Mr. William Setchell sanitary inspector be rescinded; that the salary of Mr. Wm. Setchell, the present foreman, continue at £3 5s a week; that a certificated sanitary inspector be appointed, at a salary of £3 a week."

Alderman Loveridge asked who was going to pay the inspector.

The Mayor replied that the Board of Health would pay half the salary if it did not exceed £150 a year, providing the person appointed was a certificated man and the appointment was approved.

Alderman O'Riordan said he would oppose the motion for the appointment of any inspector to benefit the Board of Health.

The Mayor: It is for the benefit of the residents, and not the Board of Health.

Alderman O'Riordan: Nothing of the kind. I don't know what this council is coming to. Four years ago, when I was Mayor, we did the work for less than half what it is costing to-day. Directly we will have two or three foremen of works. Already we have two or three council clerks. (Laughter.) Now we want half a dozen inspectors, while the ratepayers have to pay the piper all the time. I can't get the holes in my roadway filled up, and all this tommy-rot because a new Act came into force, with a silly lot of bush law called ordinances, which no man with brains can comprehend. (Laughter). Is this council going to play into the hands of the Board of Health? We have in our inspector a man that I will back against all the Board of Health officials in the place, Dr. Armstrong included. (Laughter). If he does not run rings round them all, or any man they like to fetch, I will give £100 to the hospital to-morrow. He is a practical inspector, while Dr. Thompson, Dr. Armstrong, Inspector Getting, and all his understrappers, are only theorists. Our inspector can lose the Board of Health fellows before breakfast. He knows every pipe in every boiling-down place, and when the gentry come from the Board of Health he has to teach them their work. Yet because he has not got a certificate from the board you propose to sack him, and let the Board of Health whisper in your ears. I put a motion on the business-paper to-night to raise his salary by 10s a week, but Alderman Reilly and his supporters got in front of me, and blocked my motion. All right, Mr. Mayor, go ahead, I don't know what the borough is coming to.

The Mayor said as far as the cost of working the municipality was concerned it was 1 per cent. less to-day than at any other period since its incorporation, Alderman O'Riordan's term of mayoralty included. (Laughter.) He had given Alderman O'Riordan a chance to move his motion. As far as the present inspector was concerned, no person said one word against his ability, but the income of the municipality was much more than it used to be, and consequently the works that had to be carried out were heavier. The motion did not propose to reduce the foreman's wages simply because the dual position was taken from him. He would receive the same pay. But this council was in duty bound to see that the work of all departments was properly carried out, and experience had proved that Mr. Setchell could not properly fill both positions. In fact, it was his own desire to be relieved of the inspector's work.

The motion was carried by eight votes to three.

The Aquatic Notes in the "Sydney Mail" by "Trident" never lose interest week by week. The author is always well informed on important matches, and his remarks this week are full of interest.—Advt.

POLICE COURTS.

UNJUST SCALES.

Frances Downes, a shopkeeper of Eastern-avenue, Kensington, was yesterday fined £2 and costs for having had in her shop a counter weighing-machine, unjust 2oz. It was stated that the machine had not been willingly tampered with. Defendant said she was not aware of the deficiency. The case was heard at the Paddington Police Court.

CHARGE OF FRAUD.

Ernest Henry Cohen, 27, compositor, was at the Paddington Police Court charged with having on January 11 obtained the sum of 6s from Cordelia M'Gill, with intent to defraud. The evidence of Mrs. M'Gill was that the accused had represented to her that her son George had been apprehended on a charge of resisting the police, and that the accused wanted £2 for the purposes of bail for her son. As Mrs. M'Gill had not the amount at the time, she handed Cohen 6s. George M'Gill, the son of the previous witness, said he had once known the accused as a fellow employee. There was no truth in the statement that he had been arrested. Cohen was committed for trial.

At the same Court Cohen was further charged with having obtained the sum of 17s 6d from Alice Nettle with intent to defraud. Cohen, it was stated, had informed Mrs. Nettle that her son Alfred was under arrest for running over a man, and that he (accused) had been sent to secure bail. Cohen said that he had collected all but 17s 6d. This amount was handed him. Alfred Nettle denied the truth of the accused's statement regarding the arrest. Cohen was committed for trial.

SUNDAY DRINKING.

At the Paddington Police Court, Angus Crawford, licensee of the Pacific Hotel, Watson's Bay, was charged with keeping licensed premises open for the sale of liquor during prohibited hours. The evidence of Senior Sgt. M'Court was that, on the afternoon of the 29th ultimo, he and Constable Dyson entered the hotel. Mrs. Crawford, who was standing at the door, said, in answer to a question, that she had friends in a room. Witness saw a man and woman drinking stout. When defendant's attention was called to the matter, he said, "Mr. Bellemey, who is a chemist at Sydney, brought me out some medicine for my wife." Defendant's evidence was to the effect that Mr. Bellemey, a chemist, had called with some medicine, and had been invited with a lady friend accompanying him, into the house to partake of refreshment. The room in which the two sat had the word "private" painted on the door. It was stated by Sub-Inspector Matthews, that it was defendant's first license. A fine of £5, and 6s costs, was imposed.

In connection with the same case, Richard T. Bellemey and Minnie Scott, were each fined 20s, and 6s costs, for having been found on licensed premises during prohibited hours.

ALLEGED STEALING.

A young girl named Annie Dawson was charged at the Central Police Court with having stolen a cash box containing about £11 and other articles, valued in all at £12, the property of John Donovan. Constable Souter, who arrested the accused, stated that she admitted to him that she had taken the cash box, but that there were only £5 or £6 cash in it. With the money, the accused stated she purchased clothing, had some photos. taken, and also paid for her board and lodging. The prosecutor, who is a restaurant-keeper engaged in business in George-street West, said that he had engaged the accused as a kitchenmaid. On the 23rd ult. he left the house, and when he returned shortly after found the girl and the cash box missing. It had been prosecutor's custom to place the cash box in a spare oven in the kitchen. Dawson reserved his defence, and was committed for trial.

STEALING CLOTHES.

Walter Raynor, 37, described as an advance agent, was charged at the Water Police Court before Mr. L. S. Donaldson, S.M., with stealing a coat and vest valued at 15s, the property of Henry Jones, between January 30 and February 3. The evidence was to the effect that prosecutor and accused resided at the same house. Raynor admitted the charge, but stated that he had been drinking for some days, and took the articles to pawn, and had he not been arrested would have redeemed them. A fine of £2 was imposed, or in default one month's imprisonment.

ASSAULTING A CONSTABLE.

John James Plumridge, 35, was charged at the North Sydney Police Court with using bad language in Redan-street, Mosman, on January 29 last, and with assaulting Senior Constable Dalzey on the same date. The officer stated that on the evening of January 29 he was returning from Balmoral Beach, when he saw accused and two other men, who had two horses attached to a heavily-laden dray. Witness was carrying a bush-stick at the time, when one of the men asked him to lend it to him for the purpose of thrashing the horses. When witness declined, the man used bad language. Although witness was in plain clothes, he told the men he was a police officer. While he was asking the man his name and address, accused told witness to let the man go, but he warned accused not to obstruct him in his duty. Accused then used disgusting language, and struck witness a violent blow in the mouth. When witness got hold of him, accused again struck him, and caused him to fall, and witness received two violent kicks on the chest. They struggled for 20 minutes before witness got his man to the police station. Accused, who said nothing, and declined to call evidence, was fined 40s, or, in default, one month's imprisonment for the language; and was sentenced to four months' gaol, without the option of a fine, for the assault.

AN UNGRATEFUL MENDICANT.

Before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., at the North Sydney Police Court, Henry M'Neil, 25, was presented on a charge of being found wandering in Muston-street, Mosman, for the purpose of begging, on February 2. He was also charged with assaulting Arthur M'Kirby Scott on the same date. Arthur Scott, a merchant, residing at Muston-street, Mosman, stated on the date named about 7 p.m. accused called at his place, wet through, and looking very miserable. Accused asked for a cup of tea and something to eat, and witness told him that if he went to the back the maid would give him a good meal. Accused went to the back, and had a meal, and was there a quarter of an hour. Witness pretended to go round to the back, and when accused saw him, he started to move off. Witness followed him, and saw him go through the front gate. Accused then went to the next house, and witness saw him speaking to the tenant. Witness said, "I have just given this man a good meal." Witness proceeded along the street, and, turning round suddenly, found accused close up to him, and before he could do anything accused struck him a violent blow on the jaw. Accused then ran away, followed by witness, who called on his friends to stop him. Accused stated that he went to prosecutor, and asked for some work and some tea, when Mr. Scott rushed at him with his umbrella, and accused pushed him off, and struck him. Accused was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment for begging, while for the assault he received a sentence of two months' imprisonment.

ON ENCLOSED AREA.

At the North Sydney Police Court, before Mr. Payten, S.M., Andrew Bennett, sanitary inspector for the Municipality of North Sydney, proceeded against Harold Cronshaw, George West, and John Yates, upon informations alleging that, on December 10, they climbed the fence surrounding St. Leonard's park, which is vested in the council of the municipality. Each of the defendants pleaded guilty. It was stated that defendants jumped over the enclosed area in the cricket oval, to which admission was being charged, and that about 50 others offended in the same way. At the time the offences were committed, a bioscope entertainment was in progress. Each defendant was fined 5s, ordered to pay 6s costs, or to go to gaol for 24 hours.

ALLEGED THEFT AT GORDON.

May Miller, or Homer, 19, was charged at the North Sydney Police Court, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., with stealing in the dwelling-house of Mrs. A. C. Elerby, Nelson-street, Gordon, a gold watch, a green stone heart, a silver penknife, two gold brooches, some articles of clothing, and other goods, of the total value of £25, on January 5 last. The evidence of the prosecutrix was to the effect that accused was employed by her under the name of Homer from December 31 last until January 5 last, when she left without witness' knowledge. After she had gone the articles were missed, and were taken during witness' absence from the house on January 5. Constable Patrick S. Leonard stated that while accused was on the way to the lockup she tore up some papers and threw them away, saying, "You won't get them, anyway." Witness picked up the papers and pasted them together for the purpose of seeing what they referred to. He found that certain of the articles had been pawned. Accused, who had nothing to say, was committed for trial.

SERVANT GIRL CHARGED.

At the Burwood Police Court yesterday, before Mr. E. L. Maitland, S.M., Lily Ruth Annesley, 18, servant, was charged with having stolen from a dwelling-house clothing valued £5 10s. Accused was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on February 31. On a charge of stealing clothing from the Home of Hope, Stanley-street, Sydney, she was remanded to a city Court.

CHARGE OF STEALING A GOAT.

Shadrac Amor was charged at the Burwood Court yesterday, before Mr. E. L. Maitland, S.M., with having on January 28 last stolen a goat, valued at 7s 6d, the property of William H. Teagle, at Concord. Mr. Rose, who appeared for the accused, said that Amor would plead guilty to having the animal feloniously in his possession, and he regretted that the magistrate had not power to deal with the case. The goat was only worth 3s. The magistrate said that he had no power to deal summarily with the case. A goat was classed with cattle, and the case would have to go to a jury. Senior-constable David Farr stated that he arrested the accused at night, while he was leading the goat, which had been stolen from W. H. Teagle. Accused was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on February 31, and was granted light bail.

ALLEGED BREAKING AND ENTERING.

Three charges of theft were preferred against Frank Lawrence, bootmaker, 24, at the Burwood Police Court yesterday. The first case was one of breaking into the premises of William Montgomery, at Belmore, on December 12, and stealing; the second, of a similar offence at Canterbury, on January 23; and the third, of a similar character at Five Dock, on November 3. Finger-print evidence was given by Sub-Inspector Childs, and Senior-constable A. Leary gave evidence of certain confessions by the accused. Lawrence, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on February 31.

A CHINAMAN'S LOSS.

TWO BOYS ARRESTED.

Some days ago Ah Wing, a country visitor, reported to the police that he left a waistcoat, containing £70 in cash and a gold watch and chain, in a friend's shop in Goulburn-street. Some boys entered the shop and offered Ah Wing some old iron for sale, but the latter informed them that the owner of the shop was out. Ah Wing left the shop, and shortly afterwards found that the contents of his pockets were missing, and as he entered the shop he saw the boys making off. A search of the shop revealed some of the money, which had been dropped on the floor. Ah Wing pursued the boys, and was joined by Sergeant O'Dea and Constable Collins. They captured one of the boys, and the constables continued to investigate the case. A few days afterwards Sergeant Whalan and Constable Cox observed a boy acting in a suspicious manner in Castlereagh-street, and on being arrested the boy was identified as one of the boys who had entered the shop in Goulburn-street on the day of Ah Wing's loss. The watch and chain and all the money, with the exception of £7, have been recovered. The youngsters were dealt with at the Children's Court yesterday.

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Peak Hill,
February 1, 1909.

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

SOIL CULTURE.

MR. PEACOCK'S METHOD.

A SERIOUS POSITION.

I.

Whatever may be the consensus of agricultural opinion relative to the method of tillage, as ennunciated by the manager of the Bathurst Government Experimental Farm at the Brisbane Science Congress, it is evident that the matter must receive the immediate attention of the Department of Agriculture. As far as the agriculturists of the State are concerned, they will probably consider that Mr. Peacock is wrong, and adhere to what has for centuries been accepted as the secret of success in their calling. It might be that the department will take the same view, but on account of Mr. Peacock's official position alone, it cannot remain passive. Moreover, he claims to have proved the truth of his method by results obtained at Bathurst, and these must be closely investigated. Under present conditions we have officers in the one department advising the farmer to adopt what are antagonistic methods. Obviously this position cannot endure. And against Mr. Peacock must be placed the success of the methods of tillage adopted at the other State farms, by our most successful growers, and approved by all agricultural thought and practice throughout the world. Certainly it is a heavy balance.

Indeed, the more it is considered, the more Mr. Peacock's paper on dry farming must receive attention. Whatever may be the opinion held of his system, it must be admitted that he has shown some courage in attacking what have been held to be the best principles of agriculture for centuries past. As far as we can see, he attacks the rules of tillage as taught by every agricultural expert and college, not only in Australia, but wherever they exist. If he is right our ideas must suffer a drastic alteration, and what we consider at the present time to be good farming must be condemned. Hitherto the man who worked his soil well, who fallowed, cultivated and harrowed his field and aimed at securing an even mulch to conserve moisture, has been applauded. More important still, it has been noted that his crops in a dry season were the best, his returns the heaviest. The farmer whose ploughed land was rough and cloddy was condemned as a poor cultivator, and put with the class that rip up their land anyhow, and trust to a good season to secure good results. Yet if Mr. Peacock is right, the latter class, while not adopting his system fully, perhaps, are certainly nearer the mark than the men whom we have considered good farmers. Incidentally, the Government farms and institutions outside of Bathurst are following the wrong lines in their methods of cultivation, and the different experts, excepting Mr. Peacock, the wrong lines in instructing the farmers. The farmer has been told by the department, which is certainly in good and world-wide company, to cultivate to secure a good mulch. Mr. Peacock now tells them that in clods lies salvation. His aim is to "keep the dust at the bottom, the granules next, then the crumbs, and the clods on top." It must be admitted that this is revolutionary teaching.

Yet it doesn't follow by any means that Mr. Peacock is wrong because he opposes principles that have dominated cultivation as long, perhaps, as any records show. That may be, and, indeed, is, sufficient reason why he must expect criticism, and expect to have to prove the correctness of his theory beyond all doubt. It has happened before that men have successfully upset all orthodox ideas. As another experimentalist who attacked set principles, says:—"The soundest of all knowledge is no doubt gained by experience—experience in its true sense—that is, experimenting, or trying various things and drawing careful conclusions from the results. But too often what is called experience consists merely of the slavish and unthinking repetition of something in the manner which is supposed to be orthodox, without even inquiring into the grounds on which that orthodoxy is based. What a man has been taught in his youth, and what he has practised all his life, is apt to become to him an article of faith, and anyone who suggests than other methods may be better is regarded by him as an ignorant fanatic. After all, agriculture is not a question of religion or politics, and its methods and practices are not to be settled by mere authority, but by an appeal to facts. No one is justified in maintaining that any particular method is best, however good its results may be, unless he has tried other methods and found them wanting." Mr. Peacock may believe that hitherto we have all been guilty of "slavish and unthinking repetition," and if so it is his duty to draw attention to such a widespread error. He claims to be supported by successful experiment, and this, of course, intensifies a serious position.

A theoretical speculation may be put forward at any time for discussion without dislocation of prevailing practices. But when an agricultural expert, with the weight of an official position behind him, puts forward a method, not as a theory, but as something that has been practically proved in the field, it is a very different matter. It might have been better if the matter could have been definitely decided by the department before any publicity was attached to it, and complications thus avoided. Still, general discussion and consideration in these matters means education whatever the result may be. Therefore, Mr. Peacock has probably rendered good service to agriculture in any case. As it is, however, the matter must be promptly and thoroughly investigated to decide beyond doubt whether he is right; because, if so, those who advocate good tillage, as it is generally understood, are wrong. The Department of Agriculture cannot go on teaching the farmers two methods of tilling in general and dry farming in particular, when such methods are antagonistic in principle. One is right and one is wrong, and great interests demand an authoritative official decision. However strongly it may be believed that Mr. Peacock is wrong, definite investigation is due to him, as he has undoubtedly been credited with securing splendid results at Bathurst; while investigation is also due to established practices, and to the interests of the man on the land.

ITEMS.

Orchardists in Southern Riverina have had a very pleasant surprise this season in the absence of the Mediterranean fruit fly, which last year ravaged the late crops of nectarines, peaches, pears, and quinces. As the early crops had been immune growers had almost come to the conclusion that it would be necessary to dig out the late trees and plant early sorts. The fly proved to be a most destructive and difficult pest with which to contend. Any fruit attacked became so rotten in a very short time that it was useless. This season there is not a sign of the fly in the great majority of the orchards in the Wagga district, and no trace of it has been found by the fruit experts of the local experiment farm. For the first time in recent years growers have good clean crops of late peaches, nectarines, etc., and they are wondering what the cause of the disappearance of the pest is, and whether it will reappear as suddenly in the near future.

The 24 farms into which the recently resumed Sunny Ridge Estate has been divided will be thrown open to selection on the 15th inst. As in the case of the Walla Walla subdivisions, selection will extend over one week, and all applications received during that period will be treated as made at the same time.

In connection with the half-acre potato competition, conducted by the Kiama A. and H. Association for the 1909 exhibition, the results are the lowest recorded by that institution. This is due principally to the low rainfall at the time the tubers were developing, and to the fact that all the plots tested were on dry steep hillsides. Last year the trials were made on low-lying sand, and better results were attained, notwithstanding a lower rainfall.

WINGADEE LANDS.

THE BALLOT.

COONAMBLE.—The land board, consisting of Mr. M. A. Maclean (chairman) and Mr. P. A. Polin, has for the past week been considering applications for settlement lease areas on the Wingadee, Beanba, Combolong, and Kialgara holdings. 311 applications were originally lodged. After the board carefully considered the applications, it allowed 276 to go to the ballot, which took place to-day. For the fifteen blocks 50 marbles were drawn. Each applicant was allowed a ballot number, and the marbles were then vigorously mixed. The order in which the marbles came out was as follows:—L. A. Ward, E. R. L. Crago, P. Ryan, jun., H. T. F. Smith, C. J. Collins, James M'Callum, W. C. Parker, W. J. O'Neill, P. M. G. Curran, S. H. Mann, Thomas Craven, J. W. Ryan, A. H. Browne, Thomas Stokes, L. A. H. Bassett, W. Vass, T. T. Clare, J. D. Skerrett, C. Munro, E. S. Antill, jun., M. M'Donald, G. H. Border, F. N. Parkinson, W. H. Ferguson, W. P. Priestly, D. J. Cormie, W. H. J. Byrne, E. D. Antill, M. Sparken, H. E. M'Cullough, A. C. Salter, W. M'G. Walker, J. L. Munns, G. W. Blackett, C. C. Phelps, David Menarg, Francis Gaxion, G. P. Lovegrove, J. P. Gilligan, H. C. Main, William Will, Peter O'Neill, E. G. Conn, A. L. Skuthorpe, Clifford Harford, R. W. H. Parkinson, C. B. Heath, G. H. Campbell, H. A. H. Brown, and John Darmody.

ENGLISH WOOL TRADE.

WOOL IN 1908.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

BRADFORD, Jan. 1.

Standing talking on Bradford Exchange on the last day of the old year with the principal of one of the largest topmaking firms in that city, he said that they had been in business eighteen years, but 1908 had been the most disastrous with them in the whole of that time. That about sizes up the record of the entire wool trade for the past year. It is hard to conceive that even 1900 and 1890, when the last wool slumps took place, that the losses could have been more. Looked at from any standpoint, the past year has not only been disappointing, but disastrous, and he is a most fortunate man indeed who on stocktaking finds himself with as many beans in the sack as when the year began. It is not perhaps right to say that everything can be laid at the door of the American financial crisis at the end of 1907, but, all the same, that was the prime cause of the entire wool fabric being shaken from top to bottom, and it is safe to say that prices would never have fallen as they have but for the confidence of the business world being destroyed. In October, 1907, wool prices were high, and certainly above normal, but general manufacturing conditions were so good, and consumption on the top of supplies, that trade seemed as if it could stand having to pay the very high values which then obtained. Possibly when augmented supplies came to hand of new-clip wools from Australia, values would have eased, but they would never have fallen like they did up to last May.

SLUMP AND RECOVERY.

The year opened with the black pall of the American financial crisis hanging deeply over the entire textile industry, but many believed that wool was so strongly entrenched that with an ease in the bank rate, prices would not fall much further. The first series of sales in London passed off in a fairly commendable way, there being practically a clearance of all available quantities, prices for the best combing wools being well maintained. Crossbreds declined ½d to 1d per lb, but merinos remained unchanged, and sold most readily, only 30,000 bales being carried forward. Under ordinary conditions buyers would have gone home inspired with the opinion that values were not going to fall further, but no sooner were the series over than under pressure of many forced sales and heavy arrivals of dearly bought wool from Australia, prices began slumping, and went on unchecked to the first week in May. The March series was a very disastrous time, values further falling 1½d per lb for grease merinos, and fully that for crossbreds, while the carry over was 78,000 bales. Just at that time things looked the blackest, and the full effects of the storm were to be seen. In Bradford, all through March and April prices continued to fall, and there seemed to be no bottom in the market whatever. Both wool and tops in April looked remarkably cheap, but very few felt that it was time to buy, although by the beginning of May, with 40's tops standing at 8d, some little speculation was indulged in. The May series opened with a further fall, but before that series finished a decidedly better tone had developed, the end being much better than the beginning. The fifth series opened last September 29 with generally a full 5 per cent. decline, both on merinos and crossbreds, but before the close this was fully recovered. It was then plain to be seen that the trade was fast getting back to a more normal state, the sixth series, which began on November 24, proving to be the best of the whole year, values advancing all round 1d to 1½d per lb. I don't think I can do better as showing the general course of values than ask the reader's attention to the following instructive table, which shows the general course of prices for merino wools during 1908:—

	N.S.W. Riverina. Good staple. per lb.	Q'land. Central. Average character. per lb.	N.Z. S. Island. Average condition. per lb.	Cape. Kaffrarian. Short light per lb.
Jan. series	14 -15	12½-13½	11 -12	9 -9½
March series	13 -13½	12 -13½	9½-10	8 -8½
May series	12 -13	11 -12	9 -9½	7½-8
July series	12 -13	11 -12	9½-10	7½-8
Sept. series	12 -13	11 -12	9½-10½	7 -7½
Nov. series	13½-14	12 -13	10½-11½	7½-8

Crossbreds have felt the full effects of the knock-down blow, in fact, they have fared even worse than merinos. The large carry-over at all the series except the first and last were mostly wools of a crossbred character, and at one time the depression in them was most acute. If we compare prices at the close of the December series with those current a year ago combing merinos were only down 5 to 7½ per cent., while fine crossbreds showed a fall on the year of 10 per cent., medium 7½ to 10, while coarse qualities were down about 15 to 17½ per cent. The following list shows the course of prices at each series of sales, and from the lowest point it will be observed there has been a sensible recovery, which bids fair to last:—

COURSE OF NEW ZEALAND CROSSBREDS.

	Half-bred. Super. 50's-56's.	C'bred. Medium. 46's.	C'bred. Coarse. 40's.	C'bred. Coarse. 36's.
January series	/14-/14½	/9½-/10½	/8½-/9	/8-/8½
March series	/12½-/13½	/8-/8½	/6-/7	/6½-/6½
May series	/12-/12½	/8-/8½	/6½-/7½	/6-/6½
July series	/11½-/12	/8-/9	/6½-/7½	/6-/6½
Sept. series	/11½-/12	/8/9	/6½-/7½	/6-/6½
Nov. series	/12½-/13	/9½-/10	/7½-/8	/7-/7½

SPINNING AND MANUFACTURING.

In consuming areas the past year has been one of the worst ever known, there being no bright spot anywhere. From January to June the depression was acute, and it was painful to see good money going down the dyke, as if it was woolcombers' suds. The contracts which spinners had entered into the autumn previous to take up tops anywhere from 2/2 to 2/4 per lb stuck in the hands of topmakers, prices falling like the proverbial stick. There was no steadying whatever in values up to the beginning of May, when super 60's touched as low as /19½, and 40's tops /7¾ to /8. Even at these figures users bought very sparingly indeed, their previous contracts greatly handicapping them. Panic, no doubt, had a good deal to do in prices being slaughtered, and it was in the darkest hour that a few exercised strong faith by purchasing some fair quantities. This proved to be the turning point, for after the first week in May values began to improve, and although the months of August, September, and October saw trade of a very slack order, still consumption increased, when in November a big spurt of buying took place, the market never since looking back.

The following are the variations in the course of prices for wool and tops on Bradford Exchange at the beginning of the year, and at the end of each quarter:—

Description.	Jan. 1. d	Mar. 31. d	June 30. d	Sept. 30. d	Dec. 30. d
70's colonial tops	29½	24½	24	24	26
64's colonial tops	27	24	23	23	24½
60's colonial tops	26	22	22	22	23½
56's colonial tops	22½	19½	18	18	18½
50's colonial tops	18½	16	15	15	16½
46's colonial tops	17	11½	11½	11½	13
40's colonial tops	13½	9½	10	10	12
36's colonial tops	12½	9	9½	9½	11
Lincoln hogs	11½	9½	7½	8	9
Lincoln wethers	10	9	7	6½	8
North hogs	12½	11½	9½	10½	12
North wethers	11½	10	8	8½	9
Yorkshire hogs	12	11½	9	9½	10½
Yorkshire wethers	11	10	8	7½	8
Irish hogs, super	12½	11	9	9½	11½
Irish wethers, super	12	10½	9½	9	10
Kent wethers	11½	9½	8	8½	9
Pick Shropshire hogs	13	11½	10	10½	12
Pick Shropshire wethers	12½	11½	9½	9½	11½
Wiltshire Down hogs	14	12½	11½	12	12½
Cheviot hogs	11	10½	9½	10	11
Blackface Scotch	7½	6	5	5	5½

Yarn-spinners have had a terrible year, and their experience has been the very opposite to that of 1907. Machinery could not cope with the orders in the latter year, but ever since last March things got worse, and much machinery has stood for many months. What was the missing link was not so much the absence of orders as the lack of particulars, and to get these, prices have been shaded until in many cases mills have been run at a loss. Spinning margins were never better than in 1907, but last year these were off altogether. Only yesterday a big Bradford spinner said to the writer that for a good 40's top he would have to pay to-day 12d per lb, but if he could buy the same at 11d, and sell single 30's spun out of them he could not do more than get back his own at that price. The same obtains in merino qualities, wool all along forcing the pace faster than the spun article. However, business has been better all through December, more machinery is running, and even yarn spinners themselves confess to the outlook being greatly improved. The following table shows the course of yarn prices for well-known standard descriptions over the whole year:—

	Jan. 1.	Mar. 31.	June. 30.	Sept. 30.	Dec. 30.
2-32's worsted, per lb.	1/7¼	1/5	1/2¼	1/2¾	1/4¼
2-40's worsted, per lb	1/10	1/7	1/5¼	1/5¾	1/7¼
1-30's super lustre, per gross	9/9	8/6	7/9	7/6	8/3
1-30's demi lustre, per gross	8/0	6/6	5/9	5/10	6/6
1-60's ordry. (60's), per gross	7/3	7/9	5/7½	5/9	5/11
1-60's super (64's), per gross	7/6	7/3	6/	6/	6/3
1-60's super (70's), per gross	7/9	7/6	6/3	6/3	6/6
2-60's white (64's), per lb.	3/1½	3/	2/7½	2/8	2/10
2-60's white (70's), per lb.	3/2¼	3/1	2/8¼	2/9	2/11
2-40's mohair, medium, per lb.	3/7	3/7	3/6	3/6	3/6
2-32's mohair, low, per lb.	2/6¼	2/5	2/3½	2/2¼	2/3
2-32's mohair, white, per lb.	3/5	3/4	3/4	3/3	3/3

This week business in Bradford has been far from slack, although holidays have interfered with trade. Stocktaking has been general, but most topmakers have seen fit to raise their quotations, and very few are disposed to take less than 12d for 40's, and 23½d for super 60's. Some are asking more, but generally there is a waiting disposition until it is seen how sales go in Australia next week. The feeling is a very hopeful one regarding the future. Consumption is undoubtedly expanding, and the outlook is decidedly better. More machinery is at work, and taking things all round optimism and not pessimism is uppermost as the New Year opens. Consumption seems to be equal to absorbing all the arrivals, and there is not a single able woolsorter out of work in Bradford to-day.

HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL.

USEFUL PREPARATORY WORK.

Mr. Hogue (Minister for Public Instruction), accompanied by Mr. Board (Under-Secretary), and Mr. Turner (Director of Technical Education), paid a visit of inspection to the Agricultural Continuation School at Hurlstone, on the border of Ashfield and Canterbury, yesterday. This institution has been in existence about two years, and has already achieved a valuable record. It is a link between the greater agricultural colleges and the highest classes in the Public schools, and its curriculum includes some of the best points of each. Mr. F. M'Mullen, M.A., is the principal, and handles the English section of the intellectual training, while the rest of the staff comprises Messrs. W. L. Hammond, B.Sc. (science master), J. W. Hadfield (Hawkesbury College diplomaed instructor in agriculture), W. A. Wilkie (instructor in manual training), Lieut.-Col. Paul, V.D., and staff (instructors in gymnastics and drill), P. Griffiths (teacher of farm smithing), and W. E. Patino (instructor in farm plumbing). With a practical staff of this character, the training afforded the youths of the school is particularly valuable, and the fact has been readily recognised by parents.

The type of lad in the school is exceptionally good, and the human material worked upon shows happy promise. No lads under 14 are admitted, and all the 60 now in attendance are muscular specimens of young Australia, likely to turn into the right type for developing the natural resources of the country. Earnestness and thoroughness characterise the students' work, and the results were noted with great satisfaction yesterday by Mr. Hogue. The whole capacity of the school is absorbed by the students in attendance, and many applications for admission have to be refused on account of lack of space. There are 38 boarders, whose fees are £6 6s a quarter—an exceptionally liberal rate, considering the advantages afforded—and 22 day pupils, who pay £1 in a quarter.

The grounds are not yet arranged to the best advantage, and there is room for some organised artistic effect; but funds have evidently not been lavishly granted to the institution, and much of the existing best work has been accomplished by the students and staff. Old fences need to be removed, and their places taken by dwarf fences, arranged symmetrically, so as to aid in the effective organisation of the work; but the improvements are bound to be made, however slowly, and there is little doubt that under the capable staff, the zeal of the students, which is at all times displayed, will be fully utilised until Hurlstone is made a picture of rare agricultural value. About 26 acres are subdivided, and areas have been put under experimental crops of grain and vegetables, with the aid of artificial and natural manures. The soil is not of high quality, but it is improving under treatment, and will in the near future be highly reproductive. All the vegetables and most of the potatoes used in the establishment are grown by the students, and with the practical farming work is combined laboratory investigation, including the analysis of soils.

Mr. Hogue stated yesterday that he regarded the scientific side of the curriculum as the most valuable, and it was clear from the students' work that they are also being mentally well equipped for the higher scientific training that is necessary before they can be turned out as useful agriculturists. The Minister added that three scholarships were annually competed for by students, and the winners of these were entitled to a free course of training at the Hawkesbury College, but instead of their having to undergo three years' training in that college they ranked as second-year students, and could get through the collegiate course in two years.

Dormitory accommodation is ample, and all but brothers have separate cubicles. The methods employed in the laboratory are such as will encourage students to exhibit originality and initiative in experimentation. The course of instruction aims at making boys handy and ready to cope with the practical difficulties of the farm. Thus the students are taught to carry out repairs as necessity arises, to construct gates, and do other works of practical utility. Library and reading rooms and gymnasium contribute to the students' amusement, but their greatest pleasure is in the field work, for which so many of them are fitted physically. Yesterday the visitors found one section learning ploughing and turning good furrows, another digging potatoes, another felling and sawing timber, and squads engaged in most of the other mental and physical activities of the school. A treat in store for the boarders after tea was the pulling down of a large tree.

The following students completed the course of instruction and passed the final examination. The names are placed in order of merit:—James Sainty, Herbert V. Smith, Leonard W. Hammond, Kieth Lowe, Howard M'Kern, Myles D. Morris, Roy Holmkolst, Ronald Woodruff, Leslie Blaydes. In view of meritorious work Students James Sainty, Herbert N. Smith, and Leonard A. Hammond have been awarded scholarships at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

ALSTONVILLE SHOW.

ALSTONVILLE.—The agricultural committee for months worked strenuously, preparing for the annual show, with the result that the entries exceeded those of the previous show by nearly 1000, giving promise of a record. Unfortunately, heavy rain set in on Tuesday, preventing some exhibits from coming. However, stock of all classes came forward. The cattle exhibits were numerous, and the quality could not be surpassed. Horses of all descriptions were well represented, and high-class pigs were a strong feature of the show. Other sections made an attractive, interesting display. Heavy rain during the day rendered judging difficult. But Thursday opened with a fine day. The Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Perry, opened the show, and was present all day.

Awards:—

Horses.—Blood stallion, 3yrs and over: M. H. Morrison's Richmond, 1; W. Langley, 2. Entire colt, 2yrs and under 3: R. Stewart, 1. Colt or gelding, 1yr and under 2: E. F. Hopkinson, 1; H. R. Elvery, 2. Mare, 3yrs and over: Ainsley Bros., 1; H. R. Elvery, 2. Filly, 2yrs and under 3: J. Daley, 1. Filly, 1yr and under 2: C. Bulwinkel, 1; R. Hillyar, 2. Foal, under 1yr: P. J. Daley, 1. Champion blood stallion: W. H. Morrison's Richmond. Champion blood mare: Walmsley Bros. Draughts—Goolmangar stallion, 3yrs and over: C. Cawley. Entire colt or gelding, 2yrs and under 3: W. Langley, 1; T. Brooker, 2. Entire colt or gelding, 1yr and under 2: R. Gibson, 1; R. Hillyar, 2. Mare, 3yrs and over, without foal: J. Corcoran, 1; A. Johnson, 2. Mare, with foal at foot: C. Bulwinkel, 1; D. Wicks, 2. Filly, 2yrs and under 3: R. Gibson, 1; A. S. M'Baron, 2. Filly, 1yr and under 2: J. Corcoran, 1; E. Clark, 2. Colt foal, under 1yr, by side of dam: Elliott Bros., 1; E. S. Cook, 2. Filly foal, under 1yr, by side of dam: Cawley, 1; J. H. Smith, 2. Champion draught stallion: C. Cawley. Champion draught mare: Elliott Bros. Pony stallion, 13 hands and under 3yrs and over 2: W. Shepherd. Mare, 13 hands, and under 3yrs and over 2: A. Strong, 1; C. Bulwinkel, 2. Mare, 13 hands, and up to 14, 3yrs and over: T. Clugston, 1; W. H. Englert, 2. Miscellaneous—Horse, mare, or gelding, most suitable for farm work, to draw 5cwt on a slide: W. Elliott, 1; Walmsley Bros., 2. Pair plough horses, mares or geldings, to be driven on the ground with reins, and to draw 5cwt on a slide once round the ring (slide load, and whipple trees will be provided by the society): W. Elliott, 1; E. Hughes, 2. Hunter, to carry not less than 12 stone: T. Clugstone's Half Holiday, 145 points, 1; T. Elliott's Black Jack, 130 points, 2; T. Clugston's Castlemaine, 124 points, and R. H. Smith's Lady Elmo, 119 points, 3. Springcart horse, mare, or gelding: S. M'Lean, 1; F. Leadbeater, 2; J. Gun, 3. Horse: A. V. Timms, 1; W. G. James, 2. Cob, 15 hands and under, to be ridden, and to carry 10st: C. Todkill, 1; W. Elliott, 2.

Jersey bull, showing not more than four permanent teeth: J. A. Alcorn, 1; T. Booker, 2. Jersey bull, over 12 months, showing no permanent teeth: T. Booker, 1 and 2. Jersey bull, under 12 months: T. Booker, 1; J. and R. Daley, 2. Jersey cow, showing full mouth: T. Booker, 1; 2. Jersey cow, showing not more than six permanent teeth: T. Booker, 1; J. A. Alcorn, 2. Jersey heifer, showing not more than four permanent teeth: T. Booker, 1 and 2. Jersey, over 12 months, showing no permanent teeth: J. A. Alcorn, 1; Alf. James, 2. Jersey heifer, under 12 months: T. Booker, 1; J. A. Alcorn, 2. Champion Jersey bull: T. Booker, 1; Alf. James, 2. Champion Jersey, female animal: T. Booker, 1; J. and R. Daley, 2. Milking Shorthorns (pure).—Bull, showing full mouth: Dixon Cooke, 1; M. E. Hindmarsh, 2. Milking Shorthorn bull, showing not more than six permanent teeth: M. E. Hindmarsh. Milking Shorthorn bull, showing not more than four permanent teeth: C. F. Polson, 1; D. Cooke, 2. Milking Shorthorn bull, over 12 months, showing no permanent teeth: W. A. Johnston, 1; W. and R. Daley, 2. Milking Shorthorn bull, under 12 months, Johnston Brothers, 1; M. E. Hindmarsh, 2. Milking Shorthorn cow, showing full mouth: Dixon Cook, 1 and 2; M. E. Hindmarsh, 3. Milking Shorthorn cow, showing not more than six permanent teeth: Johnston Brothers, 1; D. Cooke, 2. Pen of three milking Shorthorn cows, milking or dry, special: D. Cooke. Milking Shorthorn heifer, showing not more than four permanent teeth: James Corcoran, 1; C. F. Polson, 2. Milking Shorthorn heifer, over 12 months, showing no permanent teeth: D. Cooke, 1; Jas. Corcoran, 2. Milking Shorthorn heifer, under 12 months: M. E. Hindmarsh, 1; D. Cooke, 2. Pen of three milking Shorthorn heifers, showing not more than four permanent teeth, special: C. F. Polson. Champion milking Shorthorn bull: Dixon Cooke, 1; C. F. Polson, 2. Reserve champion milking Shorthorn, female: Dixon Cooke, 1 and 2. Ayrshire, pure.—Bull showing full mouth: Stewart, 1; A. Maher, 2. Bull, showing not more than six permanent teeth: D. Daley. Bull, showing not more than four permanent teeth: D. Daley. Bull, over 12 months, showing no permanent teeth: D. Daley, 1; Stewart, 2. Bull, under 12 months: Stewart, 1; D. Daly, 2. Ayrshire cows, showing full mouth: J. Stewart, 1; D. Daley, 2. Ayrshire cow, showing not more than 6 permanent teeth: D. Daley, 1 and 2; M. M'Barron, 3. Ayrshire heifer, showing not more than 4 permanent teeth: D. Daley, 1. Pen of 4 Ayrshire cows, milking or dry (special): D. Daley, 1. Ayrshire heifer over 12 months, showing no permanent teeth: D. Daley, 1; M. M'Barron, 2. Ayrshire heifer, under 12 months: Stewart, junior, 1; D. Daley, 2. Pen of 4 Ayrshire heifers, showing not more than 4 permanent teeth (special): D. Daley, 1. Champion Ayrshire, female animal: Stewart, junior, 1. Guernseys, pure.—Bull, showing full mouth: D. Cooke, 1; F. ... Lee, 2. Bull, showing not more than 6 permanent teeth: J. M'Pherson, 1; T. Devery, 2. Bull, under 12 months: S. M. Cottee, 1; D. Cooke, 2. Cow, showing full mouth: S. M. Cottee, 1 and 2. Cow, showing not more than 6 permanent teeth: S. M. Cottee, 1; D. Cooke, 2. Heifer, showing not more than 4 permanent teeth: D. Cooke, 1. Heifer, under 12 months: S. M. Cottee, 1; J. Elliott, 2. Champion bull: D. Cooke, 1. Champion Guernsey, female animal: S. M. Cottee.

Dairy cattle classes, showing 4 permanent teeth and over.—Bull showing full mouth: Dixon Cooke, 1; J. A. Couch, 2; P. J. Hurley, 3. Bull, showing not more than six permanent teeth: Johnston Brothers, 1; Alex. Cook, 2; Jas. Connors, 3. Bull, showing not more than four permanent teeth: E. J. Evans, 1; J. A. Couch, 2; Kennedy Brothers, 3. Dairy cows, milking, each showing a full mouth, J. A. Couch, 1; J. and R. Daley, 2; Johnston Brothers, 3; M. M'Barron, 4. Three dairy cows, milking, each showing not more than six permanent teeth: W. Sharpe, 1; Alex. Cook, 2; W. Elliott, 3; D. Cooke, 4. Dairy cow, milking, showing full mouth: J. and R. Daley, 1; J. Couch, 2; W. Fredericks, 3; Johnston Brothers, 4. Dairy cow, milking, showing not more than six permanent teeth: Alex. Cook, 1; W. Sharpe, 2; C. F. Polson, 3. Dairy cow, milking, showing not more than four permanent teeth: J. A. Couch, 1; J. M'Barron, 2; Johnston Brothers, 3. Three dairy cows, dry, each showing a full mouth: J. A. Couch, 1; Johnston Brothers, 2; D. Cooke, 3. Dairy cow, dry, showing full mouth: Jas. Couch, 1; Johnston Brothers, 2; D. Cooke, 3. Three dairy cows, dry, each showing not more than six permanent teeth: Johnston Brothers, 1; Alex. Cook, 2. Dairy cow, dry, showing full mouth: Jas. A. Couch, 1, 2, and 3; Johnston Brothers, 4. Dairy cow, dry, showing not more than six permanent teeth: Johnston Brothers, 1 and 2; W. Elliott, 3. Heifer, showing not more than four permanent teeth: J. A. Couch, 1; Johnston Brothers, 2; Alex. Cook, 3. Pen of three dairy heifers, each showing not more than four permanent teeth: Johnston Bros., 1; Alex. Cook, 2. Champion dairy bull, showing a full mouth: D. Cooke. Champion dairy bull, showing not more than six permanent teeth: Johnston Bros., 1. Champion dairy cow, showing a full mouth: J. and P. Daley, 1; J. J. King, reserve. Champion dairy cow, showing not more than six permanent teeth: A. Cook, 1; J. A. Couch, reserve. Young dairy classes, showing not more than four permanent teeth. Bull under 12 months: A. Johnston, 1; P. J. Daley, 2. Heifer over 12 months, showing no permanent teeth: Dixon Cooke, 1; Miss Alice Wicks, 2; M. M'Barron, 3; W. Elliott, 4. Heifer under 12 months: D. Cooke, 1 and 2. Pen of three dairy heifers, showing not more than two permanent teeth: J. Couch, 1; Johnston Bros., 2. Pen of three dairy heifers over 12 months, showing no permanent teeth: D. Cooke, 1; W. Elliott, 2. Pen of three dairy heifers under 12 months: Johnston Bros., 1; D. Carr, 2. Special classes—Pen of three dairy cows, milking or dry, showing not more than six permanent teeth: A. Cook, 1; W. Sharpe, 2. Pen or three dairy cows, milking, or bred by exhibitor: J. A. Couch, 1; M. E. Hindmarsh, 1; J. and R. Daley, 3. Bull, any age or breed, and six of his progeny, each showing no permanent teeth, and among which one bull may be shown; all to be the property of one owner: W. Elliott, 1; D. Cooke, 2; J. Corcoran, 3. Grand champion bull of the show: J. A. Couche, 1; D. Cooke, reserve. Guernsey grand champion female animal of the show: J. and R. Daley, 1; J. J. King, reserve.

Pigs.—Boar, Berkshire: H. L. Bulwinkel, 1; Thos. Devery, 2. Sow, Berkshire: H. R. Bulwinkel, 1. Boar, Berkshire, under 12 months: H. R. Bulwinkel, 1; P. J. Daley, 2. Sow, Berkshire, under 6 months: H. R. Bulwinkel, 1 and 2. Boar, Yorkshire, under 12 months: R. Gibson, 1. Sow, Tamworth: H. R. Bulwinkel, 1. Boar, Poland, China: J. and R. Daley, 1. Sow, Poland, China: J. and R. Daley. Boar, Poland, China, under 12 months: Mrs. Shipp, 1. Boar, British, black: D. Ritchie, 1; John Wright, 2. Sow, British black: D. Ritchie, 1; John Wright, 2. Sow, any breed, with litter of not less than eight, not more than 8 weeks old: H. R. Bulwinkel, 1. Pen of four bacon pigs, not less than 1bllb, dressed, in weight: H. R. Bulwinkel, 1; F. J. Sneesby, 2. Champion boar: D. Ritchie, 1. Champion sow: H. R. Bulwinkel, 1.

Poultry.—Dorking, cock and hen: P. H. Simpson, 1. Orpington, black, cock: D. Ritchie, 1; Hewitt and Harrison, 2. Orpington, black, hen: D. Ritchie, 1; S. Parker, 2. Orpington, buff, cock: S. Smith, 1. Orpington, buff, hen: S. Smith, 1; C. M'Neil, 2. Wyandotte, silver, cock: E. J. Sneesby, 1; S. Smith, 2. Wyandotte, silver, hen: W. Parker, 1; S. Parker, 2. Wyandotte, golden, cock: S. Smith, 2. Wyandotte, golden, hen: S. Parker, 1. Wyandotte, white, cock: C. M'Neil, 1. Wyandotte, white, hen: S. Smith, 1 and 2. Wyandotte, any other colour, cock: Hewitt and Harrison, 1; S. Smith, 2. Wyandotte, any other colour, hen: S. Smith, 1 and 2. Minorca, cock: C. M'Neil, 1; S. Smith, 2. Minorca, hen: S. Parker, 1; S. Smith, 2. Andalusian, hen: C. M'Neil, 1 and 2. Leghorn, brown, cock: S. Parker, 1; Hewitt and Harrison, 2. Leghorn, brown, hen: S. Parker, 1; Hewitt and Harrison, 2. Leghorn, white, cock: Hewitt and Harrison, 1; S. Parker, 2. Leghorn, white, hen: S. Smith, 1 and 2. Leghorn, any other colour, hen: C. M'Neill, 1; S. Parker, 2. Hamburg, any colour, cock and hen: S. Smith, 1. Malay, cock: C. M'Neill, 1. Malay, hen: C. M'Neill, 1. Indian, cock: Hewitt and Harrison, 1 and 2. Indian, hen: W. R. Johnston, 1; Hewitt and Harrison, 2. Colonial game, black-red, cock: Mrs. Shipp, 1. Colonial game, black-red, hen: S. Smith, 1; Mrs. Shipp, 2. Colonial game, any other colour, hen: S. Smith, 1 and 2. British game, any colour, cock: Hewitt and Harrison, 1. British game, any colour, hen: Hewitt and Harrison, 1 and 2. Any other pure breed, not specified, cock: C. M'Neill, 1. Any other pure breed, not specified, hen: S. M'Neill, 1 and 2. Crossbred, hen, breed to be stated: S. Smith, 1; Hewitt and Harrison, 2. Coop four cockerels, purebred, for table use, under 9 months: S. Parker, 1; R. Leighton, 2. Coop of four pullets, purebred, for table use, under 9 months: Mrs. Shipp, 1. Champion cock: Parker. Champion hen: Mrs. W. R. Johnston. Pekin drake and duck: W. R. Johnston, 1. Muscovy drake and duck: Mrs. Shipp. Indian Runner or any other variety drake and duck: Hewitt and Harrison, 1 and 2. Turkey cock and hen, any variety: J. J. King, 1; Mrs. Shipp, 2.

DAIRYING.

DUNGOG.—At the first half-yearly meeting of shareholders of the Williams River Co-operative Manufacturing and Butter Company, Mr. W. Bennett (chairman of directors) presiding, the report and balance-sheet were adopted. The director's report showed that during the half-year ended December 31, 138,379lb of butter were manufactured, and, although there was a loss of £241 14s 5d, the suppliers had received the benefit of the increased price paid for their product. The initial expenses were heavy, as it was found necessary to instal additional up-to-date machinery, which had enabled them to produce an article of superfine quality, and had given them a commanding position on the markets. The directors recommended the payment of a dividend to shareholders at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital. The chairman announced the result of the ballot for directors, and the following were declared elected: Messrs. J. M'Donald, A. Hamberger, J. Walsh, H. White, and R. Berry.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

BATHURST.—Several property sales have been effected in Bathurst district. During the week E. H. Taylor and Co. sold, on account of the administrator of the estate of the late John Palmer, the property known as Morcanio, containing 320 acres, on which is erected a large two-story brick residence, for £3200 cash. The purchaser is Mr. Charles Boyd, of Rainham; also, on account of Mr. S. A. Joseph, 2000 acres of freehold land, one mile from Locksley railway station, at a satisfactory price for cash. Mr. R. J. Graham, of Bathurst, is the purchaser.

BOMBALA.—Splendid rain fell again this week. Leading pastoralists consider the present the best season for 30 years. The recent storm at Borrowong station caused the loss of 500 sheep and over two miles of wire fencing.

BOWRAL.—In a rabbit drive the other day at Ulster Park, near Fitzroy Falls, 464 rabbits were shot. A few years ago rabbits were practically unknown in that locality. The inspector under the Fruit Pests Act has this week been making his periodical inspection of the orchards in this division. Many of the trees were found in a very unsatisfactory condition, some of the bandages never having been removed since they were put on. In some instances instructions were given for the destruction of the trees.

CANOWINDRA.—Since the beginning of the year 360 points of rain have been registered locally, but parts of the district have benefited to the extent of five and six inches. The late maize crops have recovered wonderfully, and the yield in many cases will be up to expectations. Thinking that the season will be favourable, some farmers on the flats have sown more corn crops. All the lucerne crops have been freshened up, and in some cases owners are unable to keep them cut fast enough.

MURRUMBURRAH.—The sample of wheat sent to the Chamber of Commerce by the secretary of the local branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, went 64lb 13oz to the bushel—the heaviest in the State. The sample weighed 100lb, and was taken from 15 farms, and was all from the stripper.

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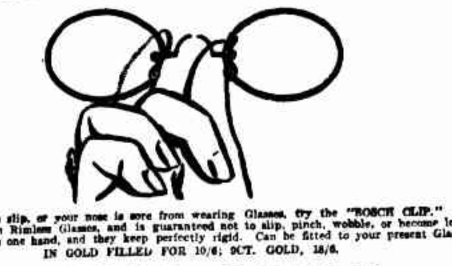
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THE WEEK IN LONDON.

AN AUSTRALIAN'S NOTES.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

The Passing of the Year.

LONDON, Jan. 1.

The old year has gone out in a mist of gentle rain, but its closing days will be long remembered for their turmoil of upheaval. This city has been snowbound and blizzard-ridden to an extent unknown for 28 years. The country is filled with the noise of sweeping devastation. Immeasurably worst of all, in Southern Europe, red ruin has fallen upon some of the fairest provinces of Italy, while Sicily, across the way, is desolated of one of its glories. The destruction of Messina, of Reggio, of Palmi, of Scylla, and the other towns and villages of Calabria, with a resultant loss of life nothing short of terrific, is a visitation the incredible horror of which is being emphasised daily here by the awful details of disaster and the roll of dead. There will be many in Australia to whom the news of this latest earthquake horror will have come with more than the interest naturally attaching to every such calamity. All who have journeyed from Australia to England by the Suez route will know the place well. They will not easily have forgotten the day—as often as not some gorgeously beautiful southern morning—when, out of the Mediterranean, loomed the low cloud of coastline which was their first hint of Europe, nor will they find it difficult to recall how, on the left, the dimness of the hills gradually rolled out clear, as they mounted upwards, pile upon pile, to the snow-crowned, majestic Etna, while on the right the slopes of Southern Italy came nearer and nearer, and the indistinctness faded in the gathering light, and the orange groves, and the valleys, were unfolded, and the streams and the vine-clad hills of Calabria. The approach to, and passage of, the Strait of Messina was always one of the most beautiful episodes of the long voyage from Australia. I myself have passed that way thrice, and always in conditions of exquisite beauty. The southern Italian skies were cloudlessly blue, the Mediterranean wavelets danced and sparkled in the sunshine, showers of turquoise, and on both sides, and divided only by a narrow channel, lay the olive-strewn hills of Italy and Sicily. Messina was to be splendidly seen from the ship's deck—a wide-spread town of massive buildings and leafy open spaces, surrounded by the Etna-crowned mountains. On the Italian side, villages and towns lay nestling lazily among the dark green hills, at the foot of which white beaches met the sea. Most voyagers will remember the scene as full of sunlight and the beauty of colour. It is upon that scene, and its peoples, and its towns and villages, that disaster and ruin have fallen so mysteriously, and with such awful suddenness.

London's Christmas.

If it is the function of any given day to imagine the feelings its recurrence calls forth, then last Friday in London, being Christmas Day, was nothing more or less than a grey failure. The cheerful jollity, the hilarious merriment, the festal sportiveness, which are the popular outward and visible expressions of the season, had little congeniality of setting in the blankly dismal half-light which glowered across the deserted, and thus already sufficiently gloomy, miles of London streets on Friday last. The coldness of it, too, was dully and hopelessly bitter, without even the saving grace of an edge of east wind. It was just unescapably, monotonously, deadly cold. We were assured on all sides that at least it was dry—which is held to be something—and with that sole consolation we spurred ourselves to forget that the mildness of this year's December had suddenly vanished, and had not been replaced by the crisp sparkle of genuine winter. However, these people have long ago given up cutting their patterns of pleasure from their lengths of good weather. On the contrary, they have learned to treat their stuff conjuror-wise, and they evolve garments of festive gaiety from the craziest material. Hence, 550,000 railway employees had to grapple with a huge holiday traffic, whatever the weather. Hundreds of thousands of pleasure-seekers were off, here, there, and everywhere. Hundreds of merry parties, too, shut out the dim day, and switched on the lights, and gathered in front of leaping fires, and had in the children, and pulled the immemorial cracker, and joined the happy laughing group around the snap-dragon bowl, or decked the Christmas tree, or danced beneath the mistletoe, or helped in the ancient, childish, hymn of praise—with its accompaniment of wide-eyed wonderment—to the benevolent vision of Father Christmas, still, happily, enshrined in that delightful realm of child-dream fancies, from which, alas, so many fairies of an older day have been thrust forth.

London Under Snow.

Every Christmas season, year in and year out, Londoners clamour unanimously for the good old mythical days of snow and ice, and skating on the ponds, and sliding on the hills, and snowed-up roads, and hanging icicles, and a white world. "O for the Christmas of the picture books and the postcards!" they cry, as they peer anxiously out of windows on what, times out of number, is merely a grey, cold gloom, unrelieved by the least sparkle of frost. Well, this year they have had their desire. It began to snow on Monday. It snowed all day. Rain so constantly spoils the London snow, however, that the gale had its chief interest in the fact that some skating might be possible, rather than that there would be anything untoward in the way of snow. But on Tuesday Londoners awoke to find their city transformed. It had snowed all night, and morning found the white flakes skimming through the air in fleecy clouds, and, moreover, quite dry and crisp, unsullied by rain, and lying where it fell, in glistening heaps. Hour after hour it fell, ceaselessly. Londoners had not seen such a sight for 28 years. In any street the snow was three to five inches deep where it fell, and the drifts were several feet in thickness. The streets of central London presented an extraordinary appearance. Early in the morning, tons of salt had been strewn upon them with a view to melt the snow sufficiently to allow of its being swept into the sewers. The fall was so continuous, however, that the salt failed to do more than reduce the roads to the consistency of rough sand. The traffic disorganisation was tremendous. Horses drawing 'buses or heavy waggons were quite unable to pull their loads through the thick going, and all over the city lay derelict vehicles. The mechanical cars fared better, and the heavy motor-'buses, ploughing a desperate way through the treacly streets, triumphed by sheer strength, though at intervals along the chief routes one came upon motors laid up in the gutters, disabled by strain. All day long, in the face of blinding falls of snow, the police wrestled with the paralysed traffic, but some of the "blocks" were enormous, and unfortunate drivers, white from head to foot, sat in long lines, sometimes for half an hour at a stretch, waiting for a move. The "Bank," the busiest corner in the world, was a sight. The seven streets which meet there were all blocked, continuously, and what with the confusion of passage, the shouts of the men, the feats of driving, varied by occasional crashes of collision, the "Bank" traffic management was nothing more or less than a series of wonderful feats. The most extraordinary result of all, however, was that the enormous noise of London's traffic, for once was silenced. Not a sound of wheels was to be heard in the city. Anyone who knows normal London will appreciate the uncanniness of the stroke by which, upon mile after mile of the metropolis, where, ordinarily, the long street roars with no uncertain voice, had come, marvellously, the stillness of the central sea. Out of the city proper, away from the traffic zone, hundreds of miles of London streets lay carpeted in purest white, window-sills and roofs on every one of the million houses hung snow, each tree and bush and hedge in every garden, was a thing of beauty. Snowballing, of course, and improvised toboggans wherever an incline was to be had. The temperature in London was 22deg., and there was thus no chance of the snow melting. Twenty thousand men, mostly unemployed, were rushed on to the streets by the authorities, and worked hard to cart away the downfall. On Tuesday night, however, it ceased. On Wednesday the temperature fell to 20deg., and masses of snow were frozen hard. Alas, a thick fog overspread the city, and that was the weather's worst. It could do no more. It has since rained, gently, and what was once crisp, white snow, has either vanished altogether, or is lying in slushy heaps in the gutters. Sic transit. What does it feel like to walk out with the temperature at 20deg.? Well, it is cutting, to say the least. And when you are walking on six inches of frozen snow into the bargain, it comes about that your chief desire in life is to turn your back upon the world, and your face towards a roaring fire. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the West End was a desert, the shops did absolutely no business, and the theatres were empty.

CONVOCATION.

SENATE REFORM URGED.

BALLOT ON FEBRUARY 13.

The University Parliament met yesterday to elect a senator. Though the two candidates—Dr. Cecil Purser and Dr. W. Camac Wilkinson—are agreed on the subject, the reform of the senate was the text of the speeches.

"The reform of the constitution of the Senate itself remains still unsettled. Until that is settled it is a critical question, upon which every election of Convocation will be determined. The two candidates are of one mind on the matter. Indeed, so pronounced is the opinion of Convocation and the general public of the nation, that Convocation would not hear of the candidature of any man who was hostile to that movement. Though the ball has for many years been—if not rolling—at least oscillating, the Senate does appear to display a marvellous inertia in the matter. I think the most important matter still is the reform of the Senate. . . . Dr. Purser will strenuously advocate the reform, so that little by little we will impose upon the Senate a body of men all zealous to bring it about."

That was from the speech of Mr. Walter Edmunds, barrister-at-law, proposing Dr. Cecil Purser. Dr. Guy Griffiths, proposing Dr. Camac Wilkinson, was just as emphatic.

"Dr. Wilkinson," he said, "undertakes, if elected, to resign the position within five years. Such a step might hasten the changes. He recognises, however, that these reforms can come only through Acts of Parliament; and to urge the senate to institute reforms which they have not the power to institute he considers a waste of time."

Convocation met at noon in the great hall of the University. Sir Normand MacLaurin, the Chancellor, was in the chair; with Mr. Barff, the Registrar, and the Vice-Chancellor beside him. It was perfectly well known that there would have to be a ballot, which would be taken later in the week in town; and so there were only about 40 members, mostly young graduates, to hear the speeches on either side. The speeches were a mixture of perfect grammar and classic calm. And the only scrap of warmth dimly suggestive of certain other debates was when, in the tail of his speech, Dr. Guy Griffiths said that the supporters of Dr. Wilkinson had not employed the degrading method of canvassing.

"Fellow-members of Convocation," said Mr. Edmunds, "every year the duty we are performing is becoming more and more important. The University is extending into all branches of professional education; and the community expects it will take the control generally of the education of this country." He could not say that the State had been correspondingly liberal with its maintenance. In a few years one of the greatest tasks before the Senate would be that of diplomatic negotiation with the Government; for the requirements of the community were becoming exacting on their funds. The present Government seemed to take a more lively interest in the work of the University than many of its predecessors. There was a tactful diplomatic negotiation going on at the present time. The greatest mischief would be the creation of friction between the University and the State.

Now, continued the speaker, the man the Senate wanted for that work was not necessarily a specialist, but a man of the world, who must be also "a man of cultured mind and gentle manners." Pedagogy and agriculture seemed to be the questions of the moment. But, for all that, the man who could help most on the Senate need not be an expert, but a man of tack and diplomacy. Dr. Purser, said Mr. Edmunds had knowledge of the world. He had carried on the Victoria Consumptives' Home and the Carrington Hospital.

Dr. Antill Pockley seconded the motion for the election of Dr. Purser.

Dr. Guy Griffiths proposed Dr. Camac Wilkinson. He was a graduate of Sydney, he said, who afterwards went to University College, London, and the University of London. Dr. Wilkinson would advocate the following reforms:—

(1) Changes in the medical school, which amongst other things, would necessitate his own retirement as lecturer. He believed the school should be brought into line with Germany. At present, though there were special lecturers for special diseases, there was only one for the whole subject of medicine. He proposed to subdivide medicine into "infectious diseases," "diseases of the abdomen," and "nervous diseases." Also, he would have some of the enormous amount of clinical material at Sydney Hospital exploited by appointing some of the medical staff there as teachers.

(2) He advocated voting by post.

(3) Increase in the powers of Convocation.

And (4) limitation of tenure in the Senate to five years.

Mr. Stuart Osborne seconded the motion for the election of Dr. Wilkinson.

The show of hands gave 33 votes for Dr. Purser, and 10 for Dr. Wilkinson. Dr. Wilkinson's proposer and seconder asked for a ballot, which will be held on February 13 at the Royal Society's rooms between 10 and 2 o'clock. Scrutineers were appointed.

RAILWAY PROPOSAL.

MUSWELLBROOK TO MERRIWA.

A FAVOURABLE REPLY.

Mr. W. M. Fleming, M.L.A., accompanied by Messrs. Price, Fitzpatrick, Carmichael, Dooley, J. Miller, and R. Jones, Ms.L.A., and Messrs. Fitzgerald and White, Ms.L.C., introduced a deputation to the Minister for Works yesterday morning, which advocated a railway from Muswellbrook to Merriwa, via Denman, a distance of 46 miles. It was pointed out by Mr. Fleming that the land through which the line would pass was of the very best character, and well suited either for growing wheat or wool or for dairying.

Mr. Fitzgerald, M.L.C., asked the Minister not to be guided only by the Commissioners' officers, who were, he said, the enemies of any railway extension. He quoted figures to disprove evidence which had been given respecting the settlement in the district that would be served by this railway.

Mr. White, M.L.C., said he would give any land that might be required for railway purposes on his estate, and he said he believed that, so far as concerned the extension to Denman, the Government would not have to pay for the resumption of any land.

Mr. J. D. Stafford stated that the line would produce a revenue of £8060 per annum—not £5831, as estimated by the Railway Department. He joined with others in asking that the expediency of constructing the railway should be referred to the Public Works Committee for investigation.

Mr. Lee said the remarks made were largely at variance with the testimony produced when the matter of constructing the line was under investigation by the Public Works Committee in 1904. He was quite aware that the districts had increased since then. He knew full well, too, how desirable it was to have an outlet for produce from all parts of the State. The only question was, Would the probable traffic justify the cost that would be involved? He had in 1906 answered Mr. Fleming in the House to the effect that there were then no fresh developments to justify a promise for the construction of the line. He read an official report which stated that the cost of construction would now be £30,000 more than was originally estimated. The development of dairying and closer settlement were factors which now had to be considered. This had occurred since the 1904 investigation. If the matter were again referred to the Works Committee he had no doubt that a very much better case would be made out. In 1904 the landowners were not very free about coming forward to open up their land. Now there was an Act which quite altered things. He promised that he would submit the proposal to the Cabinet and ask for approval to have it referred again to the Public Works Committee.

NATIONAL PARK PHOTOGRAPHERS

INDIGNATION MEETING.

At a meeting of photographers held at Winston Hall last night the subject of the question of professional photography at National Park was discussed.

The following was carried unanimously:—"That a deputation from this meeting wait upon Mr. Farnell on Friday morning re the National Park dispute, and impress upon him the injustice of granting permits to a limited number of photographers, and request that all recognised photographers be granted permits."

The meeting also decided to form a society of professional photographers.

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PEEL RIVER ESTATE.

THE ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

On the Peel River Estate Arbitration Court resuming this morning, Mr. Campbell continued his cross-examination of the witness King, who stated that the whole of the west main camp paddock was more or less timbered. Assuming that Tangaratta Creek did not run through this paddock, and that it was perfectly level country, with dead timber on it, he would value the best block in the paddock at probably £6 10s per acre. It would cost about 10s or 12s per acre to clear the dead timber. The cost of clearing the paddock generally would be from 12s 6d to 15s per acre. Green timber in the Wallamore paddock would cost 25s to clear, and the dead timber 15s. As against this, there would be the value of the timber. Block 6, on the north-west corner of west main camp, seemed pretty fair farm land. He did not know of any blemish on the farm. It was quite impossible for him to put a value on particular farms in the subdivision, unless he specially had the farms picked out for him, and he inspected them. When pressed by Mr. Campbell on the question of an estimate of the averages, witness said he was sorely afraid that he had given averages that were too low of the paddocks. Last season, in the Tamworth district, was a good one. He had not heard that there had not been such a good season for 20 or 25 years. When he made his inspections, he did not know the results of the harvest. As a matter of fact, he did not know results now. He knew, though, that the harvest would be a good one. He had made inquiries of the average production in the Tamworth district. He took the report of the advisory board, viz., 14 bushels, before he made his valuations. He was supplied with a copy of the advisory board's report. If his values had not been above those of the board, he would personally have withdrawn from the inquiry and sacrificed all benefits. The area of the southern portion of the middle Black Jack was about 4500 acres, and was all timbered country. There was stringy bark timber in the middle of the middle Black Jack, and a part of the north Black Jack. Before he went out inspecting, he had in his possession a map, which showed the arable lands. He had not adopted the areas of wheat land in the plan as distinguished from grazing land. He had closed up Currabubula-road for the purpose of his subdivision. The public could get the road opened if they desired; and it would then run through the blocks. If he were dealing with this matter for the Crown, he would deal with it in a different manner. The road was really a track, and he was not in a position to say whether it was a public one. His only reason for treating Currabubula-road in this way was to save the company the expense of metalling it. He suggested that blocks 1 to 13 in the lower bullock paddock could be used for the cultivation of millet, maize, etc. They were suitable for dairying in a small degree. An owner would have to live there. He was aware this division (1 to 13) was subject to flood, and was sometimes 6ft under water. Mr. Campbell asked what would become of the dairy then, and witness said the owner would clear out and leave everything. The river was very rapid at this point when in flood, but it was not worse than that at Duckenfield. In the 1903 flood he heard the roar of the water at Duckenfield a long distance away. There was no embankment at Duckenfield. On an average he would say there was a flood in the Tamworth district once a year. His design of the resumed portion allowed for a minimum supply of roads only. This would not cause inconvenience to the tenants. The roads allowed by him went over the best travelling ground. He drove over the leasehold portion of the Peel River estate, but did not value it. His inspection was not full enough for that. He could not say anything about the quality of the soil in the leasehold portion. The black Soil Plain, in blocks 25 and 26, ran into the leased portion. It did not strike him as curious that the cultivation stopped where the black soil began. He knew that there was a sale of a portion of the estate, on leased terms, in 1906, adjoining the North Clay hole, and South Clay paddocks, in the resumed area. He did not take into consideration in his calculations the prices obtained for them, as the freehold was not sold. He made no practical difference between black soil and red for wheat. He took them together in the paddocks, but made this distinction: The black soil was harder to work. He had taken black soil as equal to other soils. Taking the West Main Camp, he would say that the black soil would be equal to other soils with timber on them. He had not seen the Peel River Estate after a spell of dry weather. When country broke into fissures after dry weather it was an indication of clay in the soil. In very dry weather black soil would not be as valuable as red. But in wet weather the case would be reversed. He suggested that black soil could be worked profitably in ordinary seasons. He had not seen any soil exactly similar to the black soil in the Peel River estate under cultivation. By the term mixed farming he meant the keeping of pigs, cows, etc., and the carrying on of general agriculture. He saw what he believed to be volcanic soil in the red country. He thought it an advantage for land to be exposed to floods; but, of course, a great deal depended upon the nature of the deposit left. Unless the current was exceedingly strong he did not think a flood would be destructive on land freshly broken up. Some people thought it was of advantage to have embankments; but opinions differed. Some of the Bolwarra farmers concerned by the embankment at West Maitland were opposed to the embankment. He did not admit the possibility of a fall in the land market. The demand was very strong at the present time. He would not describe it as a boom. He would admit the possibility of the wheat market being lessened in favour by good seasons in America and Canada. He put the four years as the limit to place the 100,000 acres on the market. If the whole 100,000 acres were put up by auction at one time the price would probably be lower than if the area were put up in sections at different periods. There was no possible method of preventing other land-owners coming in on his scheme of periodical subdivision. In estimating his values he had taken into consideration all contingencies.

In reply to Mr. Gordon, witness said he formed an absolutely independent opinion as to the value of the P.R. land. His inspection of the property was quite full enough to place values on it either for vendor or purchaser.

Robert Futter, pastoral agent and land valuer, Sydney, deposed that he had been connected with agriculture for 28 years, and was at one time manager of the Cunningham Plains station, which was a grazing and farming property, principally grazing. The districts of Young, Cootamundra, and Temora were close to Cunningham Plains station. He first came to the Peel River property on December 7 of last year, and spent 24 days in the field. His inspection of the property was sufficient to enable him to form an estimate as to the values, which he arrived at independent of anybody else. He valued paddock by paddock without regard to subdivision, and as they stand. Before he made his valuation he made himself acquainted with the prices realised at Warrah, Walhallow, and the Rosebank Estate, Tamworth. Pastoral land carrying a sheep to the acre year in and year out he would value at £3 an acre; good agricultural land within six miles of a railway, cleared and ready for plough but not improved, he valued at about £7 per acre. First-class wheat land bringing this value would yield 14 to 20 bushels an acre. In his classifications he had not included any wheat land which would yield less than 14 bushels. Witness gave the following classifications of paddocks:—Wallamore, dairying, agricultural, including lucerne, six miles by road from Tamworth. Excepting two stony ridges comprising 200 acres, the whole of this area is arable. He valued the paddock as a whole at £6 per acre; total value, £25,488. Lower Bullock: All agricultural and suitable for dairying and mixed farming, £10, on account of its proximity to Tamworth. He looked upon this paddock as a suburban area. The Muggleton Estate, recently subdivided, is about opposite Wallamore paddock. When he valued Lower Bullock paddock he had been told the prices obtained at Muggleton Estate sale. The total value of the paddock was £35,170. Bullock paddock was agricultural land adapted to dairying and agriculture generally, also to fattening stock. He noticed the bullocks and cows in the two Bullock paddocks. He valued Bullock paddock at £12 an acre; total, £25,524. He also looked upon this paddock as a suburban area. Blackfellow paddock was suitable for agriculture. He valued the paddock at £5 5s; total, £5591 5s. East Main Camp paddock was principally agricultural, and very suitable for mixed farming, £5 5s; total, £28,712 5s. West Main Camp, agricultural, and suitable for farming, mixed or otherwise, parts for growing lucerne, £5 5s; total, £27,639. North Clay Hole, principally agricultural, suitable for mixed farming, £5 5s; total, £24,302 5s. South Clay Hole, practically the whole area suitable for cultivation, also mixed farming, £5 10s; total, £24,893. He valued in two sections. The portion inside the rabbit fence was agricultural, on which he put £5 2s 6d; the other section, comprising 1067 acres, contained a high mountain peak, and was suitable for grazing. He valued the area at £1 10s. The two areas averaged £4 10s 3d, and worked out at £28,675 17s 6d.

The Court adjourned till to-morrow.

The current issue of the "Sydney Mail" has three pages of beautiful pictures taken at the Manly surf carnival on Saturday.—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE LABOUR COUNCIL.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

Mr. R. J. Blakey has been elected president of the Newcastle Labour Council, with Mr. J Blundell vice-president, Mr. E. A. Young treasurer, and Mr. W. Davies secretary.

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL.

A 2½d RATE.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last night for the purpose of adopting the estimates for the ensuing year, and striking a rate. The finance committee reported that with the strictest economy an amount of £17,404 would need to be raised, and this might be done with a rate of 2½d in the £ on the unimproved capital value of the land, which was estimated at £1,670,617. The committee also recommended that application be made for permission to borrow £4500 on the electric light account. The discussion on the report lasted several hours. The proposal to strike a rate of 2½d was first defeated, as also was a proposal for a rate of 3d. Eventually a compromise was affected by a rate of 2¾d being decided on. It is estimated that this will yield a sum of £19,144. The committee's report was then adopted. During the discussion stress was laid by several aldermen on the deplorable condition of the streets of the city. A patchwork system has been adopted by the council for some years past, with the result that the streets in some of the suburbs are considerably better than in the city itself. Last year a proposal was made to put down an asphalt pavement in Hunter-street, but the loan to meet this expenditure was vetoed by the ratepayers, and the system of patching the bad places is still being adhered to. Other streets besides Hunter-street, are also in a bad state, and many complaints are being made. The rate now struck by the council is the lowest of any city in the State, and it was stated last night that there was only one municipality with a lower rate. The system of keeping accounts under the Local Government Act has also proved rather cumbersome, and one alderman stated that no one at the council table knew exactly how the council's finances stood.

WICKHAM AND NEW LAMBTON.

A rate of 3½d in the £ on the unimproved capital value of rateable property has been struck by the Wickham Council, and one of 3d in the £ by the New Lambton Council. The estimated unimproved capital value of land in the former municipality was £236,555, and in the latter £49,504.

THE NEWCASTLE SHOW.

LORD DUDLEY UNABLE TO ATTEND.

Some time ago the committee of the Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association forwarded an invitation to the Governor-General, Lord Dudley, to open the association's annual show. Dr. Beeston, president of the association, has now received a letter from Mr. W. Callan, private secretary to Lord Dudley, stating that his Excellency will be in South Australia on the dates fixed for the show, and he regretted that he would therefore be unable to come to Newcastle.

COAL AND OTHER EXPORTS.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Marama, s, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 2200 tons of coal, a quantity of timber, coke, and bottles; Nardoo, s, for Adelaide, with 4430 tons of coal.

LYMMINGTON COLLIERY IDLE.

The Lymmington colliery at Cardiff has been idle all the week owing to a shortage of trucks. A steamer which was to load Lymmington coal is late in reaching the port, with the consequence that all available trucks are loaded and waiting to be sent in to the waterside.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

POLICE COURT.

At the Parramatta Police Court on Monday, before Mr. E. L. Maitland, S.M., William C. Pittock, at the instance of the Auburn Municipal Council, was charged with selling vinegar not of the nature, substance, or quality of the food demanded by such purchaser. Mr. G. Coleman, defendant's solicitor, pleaded guilty on his behalf, in view of the recent decision of Judge Docker in the case of Doyle, and asked for a light penalty. Defendant was fined £5, together with Court costs 6s, witnesses' expenses 15s, and professional costs £4 4s, in default three months' imprisonment.

QUEENSLAND.

PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

A People's Progressive League was formed at a meeting yesterday embracing the Philp and Kidston parties. A provisional executive was appointed, with Mr. Kidston as president and Mr. Philp one of the vice-presidents.

INDICTMENT OF VICTORIA.

A FARMER'S COMPLAINT.

Mr. C. H. Grove, farmer, of Snowy River, Victoria, who arrived in Brisbane recently, has left for Rockhampton. He will go as far west as Long Reach, and make an extended tour of the lands of Queensland, including the Atherton Scrub. The object of his visit is to secure land and settle in Queensland. Mr. Grove said a large number of farmers were leaving the State, and others were desirous of doing so. At present the local Government is doing everything it can to drive the man with little capital out of the State. Everything seems done for the wages man. The man with little capital is being harassed, inasmuch as they won't let him have the land he requires. In further remarks he said: "As a matter of fact our legislators do not seem to have the ability to deal with the lands. They thought that from 100 to 150 acres of land was sufficient. This applies to poor land as well as good."

THE INGHAM TRAGEDY.

In connection with the discovery of the body of a man on the Ingham-Townsville-road, reference was made to a tall man who camped with deceased. According to a telegram received by the Commissioner of Police, he states that he met deceased at William Bailey's place, 13 miles from Ingham, three weeks ago. He parted from him because Saltwater Creek being in flood, deceased wanted to cross, and he refused and returned to Ingham. An inquiry will be held, but the northern police believe the case is one of suicide, and in this view the Commissioner concurs.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

A NEW LOAN.

PERTH, Thursday.

In the Legislative Assembly yesterday the Colonial Treasurer moved for leave to introduce a bill to authorise the raising of a new loan of £1,445,000, for the construction of public works and other purposes. The first reading was carried. Mr. Wilson moved the second reading, and at the conclusion of the Treasurer's speech the debate was adjourned.

The schedule attached to the bill showed that it was proposed to appropriate £451,400 for railway purposes, £95,600 for harbour and rivers, £113,200 for water supply and sewerage, £144,300 for the development of goldfields and mineral resources, £192,300 for the development of agriculture, £60,000 for roads and bridges, and £183,200 for public buildings.

STATE COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE FIRMS.

A deputation, representing the Chamber of Manufactures, supported by other bodies, waited on the Premier yesterday for the purpose of protesting against Government competition with private firms. It was urged that thousands of pounds had been invested in the iron industry, and unless the unfair competition of Fremantle workshops ceased a number of works would have to be closed down. Members stated that the ironworkers were unable to obtain work, and trade was in desperate straits at the present time. A petition, signed by 256 workers in the iron trade, was handed to the Premier. It asked that Government orders be placed with private manufacturers.

The Premier, in reply, stated that the Government had not pinned its faith either to departmental or contract labour. Where Government engineers considered they could carry out the work at cheaper rates than outside contractors, the Government considered it was in the best interests of the State to carry out the work departmentally. The Government, with the experience it had gained, was justified in carrying out work departmentally. From July 1907 to December, 1908, pipes costing £31,763, had been turned out of Fremantle workshops, while private firms had, during the same period, orders to the value of £30,817 placed with them. He did not wish that the workshops should be anything more than a check.

The Agricultural and Pastoral Notes in this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail" deal with important subjects.—Advt.

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SILVER WEDDINGS.

SHERER—KERNOT.—February 5, 1884, at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, N.Z., by Rev. Geo. Tebbs, Arthur Garnet Sherer, second son of the late Edward Sherer, of London, to Clara, second daughter of the late William Henry Kernot, of Geelong, Victoria. Present address, 102 Cowper-street, Waverley, Sydney, N.S.W.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

LOCKHART—McCROHON.—February 2, 1859, at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Singleton, N.S.W., by the Rev. Father Hanlan, William Michael Andrew Lockhart, of Sydney, to Adelaide Amelia Alice Mary McCrohon, of Morpeth, daughter of Major McCrohon.

DEATHS.

BROUGHTON.—February 3, 1909, Jane, widow of the late Thomas Broughton, of Glenmore-road, aged 86 years.

CONNELLY.—February 4, at Kanowna, Leura, John Connelly, aged 66 years. R.I.P. By request, no flowers.

FAWCETT.—December 27, 1908, at 3 Scroope-terrace, Cambridge, of heart failure, William Milner Fawcett, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., F.S.A., in his 76th year, last surviving son of the Rev. James Fawcett, late Vicar of Knaresborough. Inserted by his sister-in-law, Miss Heycock, Strathmore, Macquarie-street, Sydney.

HARRIS.—February 4, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Chas. H. J. Dibbs, Waialua, Gladstone-avenue, Mosman, aged 81 years.

JOHNSTONE.—February 5, 1909, at the Manse, Armidale, Rev. Thomas Johnstone, D.D., aged 80 years.

KIDD.—February 4, 1909, at his late residence, Rock-?, Washington-street, Bexley, Henry Bernard Kidd, aged 46 years. Funeral to take place at Sutherland Cemetery by train leaving Rockdale station at 2.30 p.m. this afternoon.

PETERKIN.—February 3, 1909, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Camperdown, (Syd.) Norman Cleveland Laird Peterkin, aged 3 years and 10 months. Sadly missed.

WARD.—February 4, 1909, at Prince Alfred Hospital, Mr. John Ward, late of Bryant-street, Rockdale, aged 50 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

AHERN.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Agatha, born February 5, 1890, died August 1, 1905. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her fond sisters, Annie and Mary, and only brother, Pat.

ALLSOP.—In sad and loving memory of my dear daughter and sister, Emma Christine (Polly), who died on February 5, 1902. Inserted by her loving mother, brothers, and sisters. Mary Allsop, 90 Cowper-street, Waverley. Dead, but not forgotten.

ALLSOP.—In sad and loving memory of my dear sister and auntie, Emma Christina (Polly), who died February 5, 1907. Inserted by her loving sister and niece, Maria and Josey Aylieff, 90 Cowper-street, Waverley. Dead, but not forgotten.

CLARKE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Eliza Clarke, who died February 5, 1904, at her daughter's residence, 105 Parkes-street, Camperdown, aged 74 years. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving son, Sidney, and only daughter, Emily Caves.

GOODE.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, Richard Goode, who died February 4, 1901, aged 56 years and 9 months.
Some day, some time, our eyes shall see,
Thy face we keep in memory;
Some day, some time that hand shall clasp our hand,
Just over in the morning land.
Inserted by his loving wife and family.

DOLAN.—In sad and loving memory of our dear husband and father, Peter Dolan, who departed this life February 5, 1908. Inserted by his loving wife and children. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on him.

ELLIOTT.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Elizabeth Maud Elliott, who passed away February 5, 1901. Inserted by Oliver, Minnie, Ethel, and Gertie.

FISCHER.—In affectionate remembrance of my dear brother, Albert (Tots), who was accidentally drowned while bathing at Inverell on February 5, 1902. Thy will be done. Inserted by his brother, Bis.

FISCHER.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Albert (Tots), who was accidentally drowned at Inverell on February 5, 1902. Inserted by his sister and brother, Minnie and Chris.

FISCHER.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Albert, who was accidentally drowned at Inverell, February 5, 1902. Inserted by his affectionate sister and brother-in-law. Elsie and James Robertson.

FISCHER.—In loving memory of our dear brother Albert, who departed this life February 5, 1902. Inserted by his loving brother, George.

HENLEY.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Henry Henley, who departed this life February 5, 1908, at 138 Mount-street, North Sydney. Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.
Farewell, dear father, thy days are past,
You loved us while your life did last.
You always strove to do your best;
Now you have gone to take your rest.

HENLEY.—A tribute of love to the memory of our dear father, H. Henley, who died at his residence, Mount-street, North Sydney, February 5, 1908. Inserted by his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lancelot Thompson. Peace, perfect peace.

LOMAS.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Georgina, who departed this life February 5, 1907. Inserted by her loving husband, daughter, and son, Sarah and Michael Sullivan.

LOMAS.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who departed this life February 5, 1907. Inserted by her loving son, Leo. Flowers wither, but memory never.

LOMAS.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Georgina, who departed this life February 5, 1907. Inserted by her loving daughters, Elsie, Evelyn, and Ethel.

LOUWERENS.—In loving remembrance of my dear beloved son, James Patrick, who died February 5, 1901. Inserted by his loving mother, Catherine Louwerens.

LOUWERENS.—In loving remembrance of our dear beloved brother, James Patrick Louwerens, who died February 5, 1901. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Maria.

OLSTON.—In sad and loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Hannah, who departed this life February 5, 1908, aged 22 years.
'Tis just twelve months ago to-day,
How I remember well,
I sat beside your dying bed
To bid your last farewell.
It seems a month, but not a year,
That brings to memory all.
There's nothing left for me to see
But your photo on the wall.
R.I.P. Inserted by her loving husband and children, Gus, Nellie, and Hannah.

OLSTON.—In sad and loving memory of my dear daughter-in-law and sister-in-law, Hannah, who departed this life February 5, 1908, aged 22 years. R.I.P. Inserted by her loving father-in-law and sister-in-law, August Olston and Fanny Olston.
Leaves may wither,
But our memory shall never.

OLSTON.—In sad and loving memory of our dear sister-in-law, Hannah, who departed this life February 5, 1908, aged 21 years. Inserted by her loving sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Hannah Dickenson and Christina and James McWilliams. R.I.P.
As the ivy clings to the oak,
Still our memory clings to thee.

OLSTON.—In sad and loving memory of our dear sister-in-law, Hannah, who departed this life February 5, 1908, aged 21 years. Inserted by her loving sisters-in-law, Minnie Strong and Eva Ellerson. May her soul rest in peace.

OLSTON.—A tribute of affectionate remembrance of our darling daughter, Hannah Olston, who died at the Royal Hospital, Paddington, on 5th February, 1908, aged 21 years.
One year ago no tongue can tell
How anxiously I stood
Beside my darling daughter's bed
To keep her if I could.
Farewell, dear Hannah, your days are past,
You loved us while your days did last;
You always strove to do your best,
And now you're gone to heaven to rest.
Inserted by her loving mother and father, Catherine and Louis Garel, Playfair-street.

OLSTON.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved sister, Hannah Olston, who departed this life on the 5th February, 1908, aged 21 years, 1908.
Though your death was hard, dear Hannah,
You bore your pain so well.
We have been so sad and lonely
Since we laid you in your grave.
Inserted by her loving brothers, Steve and Felix Garel.

OLSTON.—In loving memory of my dear sister, Hannah Jane, who departed this life on the 5th February, 1908, aged 21. Never forgotten by her loving brother, Mick Garel.

OLSTON.—In ever loving memory of my only darling sister, Hannah Olston, who was called home on the 5th February, 1908, aged 21 years.
God took my darling sister from my side,
But never from my heart.
Inserted by her only sister and brother-in-law, William and Eva Avery, Playfair-street.

OLSTON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear step-sister and auntie, Hannah Olston, who died on the 5th February, 1908, aged 21 years. Inserted by her loving stepsisters, Lizzie, Silver, and Mary Champ, and niece, Sarah.

OLSTON.—A tribute of everlasting love and deep regret to the loss of our precious auntie, Hannah, who passed away on the 5th February, 1908, aged 21 years.
Rest, dearest Hannah, sweetly rest;
They miss you most who loved you best.
Never forgotten by her fond nieces, Margaret and Mary Lilsmand.

ROLESTON.—In sad and loving memory of my dear wife and mother, who departed this life, after a long and painful illness, on February 5, 1908.
Though your death was hard, dear mother,
And you bore your pain so brave,
We have been so sad and lonely
Since we laid you in your grave.
Inserted by her loving husband and daughter, Elsie.

ROLESTON.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, who departed this life on February 5, 1908.
We have lost a priceless treasure,
One who ever graced our home;
A mother's love none can replace it,
Though over all the world we roam.
Inserted by her son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Lily, and grandchildren, Doris, Myrtle, and Bobbie.

ROLESTON.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Emma, who departed this life February 5, 1908. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, M. and J. Paterson. Gone, but not forgotten.

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THE COURT AT BROKEN HILL.

Again the Federal Arbitration Court at Broken Hill has been obliged to defer the question of jurisdiction, though Mr. Justice Higgins on Tuesday warned the Proprietary Company that he considered his powers sufficient to force compliance with any order he might see fit to make. It is, however, a serious question how far such powers can be impartially exercised. Any large body of men like the Barrier miners cannot be coerced simply because their union gives certain promises, or enters into a definite engagement that they shall work. The mine and its works are fixed, and cannot walk away; but the men who may be ordered to use pick and shovel at so much per diem may simply move out one by one, and leave things at last exactly as they are to-day. As a matter of fact, a large number of miners have left Broken Hill. They are dispersed through the country, and no union call could bring them back if they were determined not to work except at the rates of wages already demanded. It may be argued, in reply, that union funds can be attached. But what amount of money is likely to be left in the union chest after the present struggle has run its course? It is quite certain that the only chance there will be of enforcing the law upon the unionists of Broken Hill, should they decline to endorse any action taken by their officials at the behest of Mr. Justice Higgins, must come by visiting their recalcitrancy personally upon their representatives and leaders. The rank and file could escape whatever happened, and while a multitude of men might be pursued with warrants—one by one—we have only to put the case so to show the futility of any such effort to deal with them.

Mr. Justice Higgins, in reply to Mr. Kelynack on this point, said yesterday that his experience had been that if a strong union like that at Broken Hill declared its readiness to work upon a given scale it would do so. But we take leave to doubt whether the Judge ever had experience of such a temper as seems to permeate the Barrier at the present moment. It only needs to take up the paper which day by day expresses the views of the unionists to understand what is involved. We gave extracts yesterday from a leading article in the official organ upon the recent trial of the man who assaulted one of the officers of the Proprietary mine, in which the brutal handling of an inoffensive citizen was justified and commended, and the representatives of law and order were held to be public enemies and worse. "The scab," says this paper, "is regarded by the unionist as the vilest of all human creatures, as being too despicable to taint the air where 'white' men congregate." What would happen, then, if an award of the Federal Arbitration Court decided that the mines should be opened under certain conditions, which would necessarily permit of the continued employment of men who had been loyal to the Proprietary Company? Are we to assume that everything said and written on the lines above quoted would be forgotten and ignored? These questions must be faced, because everything hangs upon the way in which they are answered. We sincerely hope that both sides to-day may see their way to give the necessary assurances demanded by the Judge, and that the Arbitration Court will be able to bring its inquiry to a successful issue. But it will be manifestly unfair to insist upon guarantees from one side which cannot by any stretch of reasoning or imagination be obtained from the other. Mr. Justice Higgins says he will have no hesitation in accepting the undertaking of the union, if it will give one, and we do not see very well how he is to refuse it; but the public may be pardoned if it expects that such an undertaking shall be accompanied by signs that the miners as a body really accept the jurisdiction of the Court.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION.

The National Convention which has just risen at Capetown has been sitting to discuss the question of South African union since October 12. On that date the session was opened at Durban with Sir Henry de Villiers as president, and the Imperial Government sent a squadron of cruisers under Sir Percy Scott to give Great Britain's hearty recognition of the possibilities of a great occasion. Since then the Convention has moved to Capetown, with the results noted in our cable columns yesterday morning. A Constitution has been framed, and the unexpected has happened in the choice of two capitals as a solution of the difficult problem of a Federal site. Capetown is to be the legislative centre of the new entity—whether it is to be a federation or a unification is not to be revealed for some days—and Pretoria is to be the seat of administration. Our cablegrams this morning state that the proposal is not regarded with any favour, though General Botha is hopeful that it will be accepted; and it would not be hard to show that whether South Africa is to be unified or federated, two capitals must represent a very serious burden at the outset. We should hardly care to say, however, that the burden is too heavy—that the compromise so suddenly reached is hopeless and impracticable. The first thing to remember is that union has been accepted not only as desirable, but imperative. It is realised in South Africa that there cannot be much hope of general progress or prosperity unless the four colonies come together, and the Convention has been able to get so far as to frame a draft Constitution, because the main need has been recognised. An important fact in this connection is the comparative ease with which the financial question could be settled in any scheme of unification. With us the lion in the path was essentially financial; there it is as definitely political; and the choice of a site for the Federal capital represents the pivot upon which the claims of Cape Colony and the Transvaal may be said to turn, because of the political aspect of the matter.

As will have been seen, neither Natal nor Orangia has persisted in its claim to be considered. From the outset it was either Cape Colony or the Transvaal for the Federal Capital, and the chances all through seemed to favour Pretoria as against Capetown. Nothing could be more emphatic than the statements made by representative Boers of the more prosperous colony that the capital must be with them, nor anything more decided than the insistence of the old established centre under Table Mountain that it must have first place. The jealousy and dislike shown by the Boers on the high veldt for Capetown have not grown less since the war; and what happened then has rankled with the possibility that a successful movement towards union might aggrandise the southern centre. The Transvaal has been moving forward while Cape Colony has been stagnating, if the state of public finance be any criterion. While the one has been reporting surpluses, with one in anticipation of nearly a million, the other has been obliged to admit the necessity for serious retrenchments in the public service, while confessing one deficit of £400,000, and working in expectation of another. The Transvaal, moreover, holds the key of the position so far as railway communication is concerned. It can keep the other colonies at arm's length while obtaining its supplies through Portuguese South Africa. Unification is undoubtedly the Transvaal trump-card, and possibly it has been played with such effect that Cape Colony, in desperation, has declined to give way on the question of the capital. Nothing has remained, therefore, but a compromise, which has given Capetown something by way of solatium, and it only remains to be seen whether the people of South Africa will admit it as the way out of a serious deadlock. If union cannot be achieved except with two capitals, the proposal will probably be accepted, whatever the cost and friction may be; and we need not be surprised if the experiment is tried until it is found to be unworkable. By that time Pretoria may be in a position to insist upon legislation and administration keeping together at the point most central in a union which includes Rhodesia.

LABOUR'S FINANCE.

Once more the Federal Prime Minister has out of his own mouth condemned his party's financial scheme. He has confessed that there are to be no more new works in connection with the Postal Department because there is no money available wherewith to construct them. He certainly has not told the people of the Commonwealth how long they are to wait before this department is once more able to meet the demands legitimately made upon it. All he says is that there are to be no more post-offices, no matter how urgently they may be required. The Postmaster-General has already told us that there ought to be no more telephone extensions for the same reason. But he, too, has failed to inform the people of the Commonwealth for what period they must expect to wait before the Commonwealth Government will be able to satisfy their needs. Here are two great business undertakings hung up for want of money, two socialistic enterprises, which carefully exclude all competition, and yet themselves refuse to cater for the wants of the public. The Government says in effect to the people of the Commonwealth, "You must use our post-offices, and you must patronise our telephones, because we will let no one else supply you; but if we cannot give you the services just at present, well, you must hold your souls in patience until we can." Just as well might a banking institution say to its would-be depositors, "If you desire to deposit your money with anybody you must do so with us; but as we do not want any just now you had better keep it in a sock until we do." That any private business could be conducted on such lines is quite unthinkable, yet this is what the people of the Commonwealth are being asked to tolerate from their Government, and all because the party in power has developed certain quaint notions of finance that cannot be made to square with the practical requirements of the public. It would be easy for the Commonwealth, as also the States, to abstain from borrowing, but such abstention involves, in the first place, getting rid of those business undertakings which have been for so long conducted as Government enterprises. As well might the Government of New South Wales say to the residents of the Northern rivers that while it agrees that railway communication between their district and the metropolis would be a very good thing, there is no money in the Treasury to build it with, and to borrow is the unforgivable sin.

If, however, we may judge from the resolution just passed by the New South Wales Labour Conference in regard to non-borrowing, an awakening to the true position has taken place. While careful to express the view that indiscriminate borrowing is an evil to be deplored, the conference agreed that loan moneys should be found for such works as might be reasonably expected to give an immediate return, and that even such loans should be coupled with a sinking fund charge of 1 per cent. per annum. No very great fault can be found with this decision, except that, perhaps, a sinking fund as large as that proposed would mean the placing of an unduly heavy burden upon the consolidated revenue. As a matter of fact, sinking funds are not at all ideal in their operation. If all Governments were trustworthy, and all Treasurers capable, we should be better without sinking funds, for after all they involve the borrowing of money at a higher rate to invest it; but as all Governments are not trustworthy, nor all Treasurers capable, sinking funds are perhaps a necessary evil. Fortunately we are gradually approaching that stage of development in which Australia may hope to become more and more independent of the outside money market. Already her people have invested freely of their savings in various State securities, and probably in the near future a large proportion of our external indebtedness will become internal, with the half-yearly interest payments going to swell the incomes of our own people. In the meantime, the sooner the Federal Labour party realises the fact that capital is necessary for the development of Australia the better it will be both for Australia and for the party. With how much greater confidence could Mr. Fisher meet the State Premiers in conference assembled, were his hands in this respect not so tied by an impossible platform. But the fact that the State party has seen fit to go back on the non-borrowing plank foreshadows a similar modification in the Federal plank as well. What the Federal Attorney-General speaks of as "facing facts" is evidently an educative process.

INDIANS IN FIJI.

It seems that what without offence may be called the coolie trade of Fiji is bearing the fruit that might be expected of it. Those who talk at random about exploiting Northern Australia with coolie labour as a rule do not stop to consider the serious problems the employment of the coolie involves, problems that reveal themselves at once if we consider what is going on in Fiji and in the islands generally. The imported coolie has very largely, and in some places completely, displaced native labour, and this dispossession of the Fijians, and other islanders, is incidentally a potent factor in the extinction of races that deserve better treatment at our hands. Not only does the Fijian find his occupation gone, but the introduction of large numbers of coolies sows other seeds of racial disintegration with terrible results. Coolie labour is used because it is cheap and efficient; but the coolie in the islands soon becomes a different man from the coolie in Asia. In Fiji, for instance, he has begun to settle down permanently, to acquire property, and to let it be known how thoroughly he understands that he is a citizen of the Empire, and how great are the diplomatic difficulties it is so easy for him to stir up. The planters who make use of coolie labour have, in fact, been preparing a rod for their own back. No doubt things have happened that give the coolie agitator his opportunity, and we need not be surprised if that agitator manages to do a great deal of harm. The old political economists were never tired of assuring us that emigrants were the hardiest and most intellectually alert of their race, and this applies as much to the coolie as to the white. The coolie labourer is quick to learn that he need be a beast of burden no longer than he likes. In a way it is only right that he should know this. But when, as in Fiji, an alien population has been introduced on a very large scale, the opportunities for trouble are obvious.

Anything in the nature of an Indian rising in the sugar districts is probably an exaggeration, but it is quite likely that among the coolies constantly shipped to Fiji there may be many who have good reason to leave their native districts, and who bring mischief with them. A coloured population dominated, and sometimes domineered over, by a handful of whites, however, must always carry an unpleasant menace with it. The Indian coolie is the more dangerous because he is the more alert of mind. It is surprising how completely he transports with him his religion and customs, his prejudices and his inchoate aspirations. The missionaries find him a well-nigh hopeless task spiritually, and, from a social point of view, this shows pretty clearly the impossibility of westernising the east. As the Indian coolie is he will remain—an Asiatic to the end of time, however he may alter superficially and take on a veneer of western ideas. It is interesting to compare the experience of Fiji with that of Samoa, where of late Chinese coolies have been largely introduced. Over a thousand Chinese are at present employed, and these are being largely added to. At present the Chinese make more docile and satisfied labourers than the Indians. They have proved reliable and suitable for plantation work, and since many of them are said to sign on for second and third terms, it would appear that they are well treated. The Commissioner of the Chinese Government who visited Samoa last year appears to have found no cause of complaint. But even the Chinese coolie has his drawbacks. Tropical agriculture is in any case a difficult problem; but in the Pacific we are complicating the situation by introduction of alien races; and in the long run the results can hardly fail to be serious. This is all the more to be regretted since native labour should be sufficient for island development if the native populations could be protected from the ravages of a civilisation which is apt to prove so fatal to them.

THE CRICKET MATCH.

The match which is to begin on the Cricket Ground to-day will differ considerably from most of those that are played. In this country benefit matches are not taken very seriously, except by the beneficiaries. They are occasions for enjoyment rather than for excitement. It is their great virtue that they remind us of the time when even first-class cricket was treated as a game, and not as an exhibition of rival feats of endurance. Batsmen feel sufficiently free from responsibility to take risks, and onlookers are delighted to find that, even when played by its most skilled exponents, there is a pleasure in watching cricket which does not depend on the result. In this match ten at least of the players will be able to play their own game without being cramped by a dread of the consequences that may be the result of their failure. The match for them has no personal significance, except that which is derived from the fact that its receipts are to help to supply the profits of the tour, about which there has been so much hubbub. Their function will be to supply a test for the batsmen and bowlers who are not yet chosen, and are still supposed to have a chance. Trumper, it is to be hoped, will give us one of those exhibitions which caused him to be recognised as not only the most attractive but the best of living batsmen. Some such performance seems necessary to silence the critics who are repeating now what they said before his great innings in the last match of Jones's M.C.C. team. Without Hill there will be a strange air of incompleteness about the so-called Australian XI. As if to prove that no man is indispensable, Ransford has already shown himself capable of filling the place of the greatest left-hand batsman. If Bardsley does not do so too, he will disappoint the expectations of many whose belief was only confirmed by his innings in the recent match against Victoria. But Hill has a quality apart from his skill, the lack of which neither of these players can supply for many years, and which he shares with no one else except Noble. There was no certainty of victory or defeat until he was out. In scores of innings, of which the most memorable was that in which his partner was Hartigan, he has shown his capacity for turning an apparent defeat into a victory, and withstanding an apparently irresistible set of bowlers. Still, it will not be the older players who will attract most interest during the next few days. If Barnes or another were to get them out for a few runs, we should all rejoice, confident that their batting is as good as anything that they are likely to meet. At this last hour, however, we have resigned ourselves to the belief that the new team will not contain a successor to Trumble or Turner or Spofforth. We shall have to rely for our chances of success on our batsmen, on fielding, which may reward mediocre bowling with first-class averages, and on the opportunities which are offered on English grounds very often, but very seldom in Australia. The ordeal of the batsmen on their trial is one in which they deserve the sympathy, as well as the envy, of their friends. Anyone who comes through it successfully will have nothing to fear from an English crowd. The selectors have so many candidates of nearly equal ability to choose from and the evidence before them is so slight that they will arouse many critics, whatever their choice. But criticism in this case is not a sign of want of confidence in their discernment. It is rather a proof of the supremacy of cricket among our sports, and of the existence of a feeling that it is more than ever necessary for us to do well in this tour, since we have been absent from England for so long, and since in the interval our position has been challenged by the South Africans.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

Premiers' Conference.—Mr. Wade stated last evening that the Premiers would meet in conference in Hobart on March 5. All the States will be represented. It is not proposed to deal with any question other than the financial relations of the States with the Commonwealth. The Prime Minister (Mr. Fisher) will attend. The Premier of Western Australia will probably accompany the Prime Minister on his return to the eastern States at the end of this month.

Minimum Wage Act.—Although the provisions of the Minimum Wage Act have been explained by the Clerk-in-Charge Department of Labour and Industry, through the columns of the daily press, there seems to be some doubt on the part of shopkeepers as to whether certain provisions of the Act apply to employees coming within the definition of "shop-assistant." It is therefore again pointed out that a male under 16 years of age, or a female of any age, if employed after the closing time of the shop in terms of the Early Closing Act, must be paid not less than 6d as tea-money on the day overtime is worked, and in addition thereto 3d for every hour or portion of an hour of the overtime so worked. The overtime and tea money provisions of the Act apply to all warehouses, as well as retail establishments throughout the whole of the State, and the minimum wage to be paid to all persons coming within the definition of "workman" or "shop-assistant" is four shillings a week. The department understands that overtime is at present being worked in some of the city and suburban establishments.

Undesirable Immigrants.—One of the difficulties connected with the immigration movement arises out of the fact that, though every endeavour is made to eliminate the undesirables, these efforts are not always successful. The Premier hopes that arrangements may be made with the shipping companies whereby those who behave badly on the voyage out and show that the State would be better without them may be returned to England.

On the Right Road.—Since three non commissioned officers have been added to the instructional staff of the cadets the pressure on the army instructors of training the enormously-increased cadet forces as well as they might in their spare time, has been a little relieved. There is not the slightest doubt that if the cadet movement is taken seriously there will ultimately have to be instructors for the cadets stationed in each of the quarters of the State with a special circuit for each man. At present there is no permanent cadet staff at all outside Sydney.

Bigger Subsidy Wanted.—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.L.A., introduced to the Minister for Works yesterday a deputation, comprising the president of the Canobolas Shire (Mr. S. A. Hoey) and Messrs. M. F. Dalton and J. Miller. They asked, in view of the extraordinary expenditure the shire had in maintaining roads which did not yield an adequate return in the way of rates, that the subsidy under the Act should be increased from 20s per £ to 30s per £. Mr. Lee went thoroughly into the grounds of the application, and promised to give the matter the fullest consideration.

Buoyant Fat Stock Markets.—Probably in anticipation of lighter supplies coming on to the market in the near future, business was very brisk at Homebush yesterday in all classes of stock. Even medium sheep, that have been so plentiful of late, were eagerly sought after, in most cases for returning to the country, where rain has fallen and where feed is plentiful. No fewer than 53,694 sheep (including lambs) were forward, aggregating over 97,000 head for the week's supply. The market opened brisk at very firm values, and closed quite animated at an advance of fully 6d a head for all useful quality. The lamb market was moderately supplied, and the rates were generally 6d to 1s a head above previous values. In cattle there was not any pronounced rise above the improved rates of Monday. There was a strong demand for the better qualities of the 1201 head yarded, especially prime light bullocks and steers. So with the firmness and improvement in lambs and part rise in sheep, stockowners are now in receipt of very satisfactory returns. For the meat-consuming public, however this trend is not so exhilarating. In fact, the cry of late is that the cost of living is now one-third to one-fourth more than it was ten years ago.

Sewerage of Lithgow.—The Public Works Committee gave consideration yesterday to the expediency of constructing a system of sewerage for the municipality of Lithgow. Mr. Hanna, Under-Secretary in the Public Works Department, said the present sanitary arrangements of Lithgow consisted of a pan system, with subsequent burial, and the running of slop water into the street gutters. Irrespective of the risk of private owners obtaining damages from the council for running polluted water through their property, the question of the pollution of Farmer's Creek had to be considered. Farmer's Creek was a tributary of the Warragamba River, which was a source of water supply for numerous settlers, and upon which it was proposed to construct extensive water conservation works. In December, 1907, the total population of the town of Lithgow was estimated at 7000, and it was calculated that by 1920 the population would have increased to over 12,000. The sewerage scheme proposed comprised a full reticulation, with stoneware pipe sewers, with septic tanks, and with three filters for finally treating the affluent before it reached the Warragamba River. The estimated cost, including land resumptions, was £26,500. The cost of maintaining the proposed system would be very little more than at present. The matter is to be further considered.

Public Spirit at Cootamundra.—The Cootamundra rifle meeting, which begins on March 9, is something of a model for others to follow. It is said at headquarters that the programme is one of the best ever drawn up in the country. It is not that the prize fund is so large—£232 in all; but the people of those parts—station-owners and others—appear to have shown as much interest in the meeting as elsewhere is devoted to picnic races; and have presented a trophy after trophy. The result is that almost every match has some trophy to be shot for, over and above the money prize. One, given by Captain Westmacott, of Bethungra station, is held only for the year. The others are kept by the man who wins them.

Safeguarding the Meat Supply.—A correspondent, writing with reference to the meat supply of the city, said it was within his knowledge that beasts condemned at Flemington as unfit for human consumption had afterwards been conveyed to a licensed slaughter-yard for the alleged purpose of being boiled down, and that no precautions were taken to ensure strict compliance with the requirements of the Health Board. The animals, he said, were shot, and a few hours later were allowed to be taken away without any further supervision as to the disposal of the carcase. The President of the Board of Health (Dr. Ashburton Thompson), to whom the letter was referred, said that "animals condemned at Flemington saleyards are placed in a pen specially used for the purpose, and are shot before 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The carcases lie there under lock and key in charge of the assistant superintendent. They are not skinned, not bled, and the inside is not taken out. They lie there till 7 o'clock the next morning. They are then carted to premises licensed under the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, as a fat-melter's, and are there boiled down. Practically there is no possibility of such a carcase being used for the food of man, and there is no reason whatever for supposing that any attempt so to use such carcases has ever been made."

An Old Bowling Feat.—At the Turner Benefit meeting yesterday, Mr. R. Black, M.L.C., who was in the chair, related a story about Turner that has been but little heard of in recent years. In 1881 the Shaw-Lillywhite team went up to Bathurst where young Turner was then living. Matters went badly for the local team, and it was suggested that Turner should be put on to bowl. The captain hesitated. At last Turner was given the ball, and he got the seven remaining wickets. In the second innings, he was put on at once, and got ten consecutive wickets for 36. Shaw told Mr. Black at the time that there was nothing like it in the history of English cricket.

Remarkable Mishap.—According to seasoned mariners, the safest place in a storm is in a well-found ship well out at sea, and in the ordinary course of events a tolerably safe place in fine weather is on a suburban railway station. The exception, however, generally upsets the rule. This was shown yesterday, when a peculiar mishap befell a passenger awaiting the 3.43 p.m. train at Flemington for Sydney. Mr. C. Krust, a well-known fat stock buyer in the Homebush market, was standing alongside the booking office, four feet from the edge of the platform. A goods train whisked through the station, and from the tender flew a lump of coal, sufficiently swift upon striking Mr. Krust's leg to cut an artery. No time was lost in applying a ligature, and Mr. Krust proceeded to his home at Ryde in the hope that the mishap would not be of a very serious character.

Three additional cases of typhoid have been reported during the week at Gunnedah. No fresh cases have been reported at Manilla.

During the fortnight ended January 30 the destruction of 2420 rats and 964 mice was reported to the Board of Health.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

His Excellency Admiral Sir Harry Rawson will preside at the annual general meeting of the Sydney Hospital on the 16th inst.

Mrs. Thomas Hughes has received a cable from Lady Northcote as follows:—"Women's delightful present just received. Writing." The cable refers to a presentation from the the women of New South Wales.

Mr. Joseph Cook, leader of the Opposition in the Federal Parliament, left Melbourne last night for Sydney by the express.

The Premier (Mr. Wade) left last evening for Wollongong, where he will to-day open the agricultural show.

Mr. Waddell, the State Treasurer, and Mr. Oakes, honorary Minister, who are at present in the North Coast district, will be joined at Port Macquarie by Mr. R. A. Price, M.L.A., who leaves to-day for Port Stephens, travelling thence up the lakes, via Cape Hawke.

A number of gentlemen met at the Australia Hotel yesterday, to commence business on the testimonial proposed to be given to C. T. B. Turner, the bowler. A committee was selected to get out subscription lists, and to organise a benefit match, to be held on the return of the eleven from England. The committee will consist of Messrs. C. W. Oakes, M.L.A., M. A. Noble, W. A. Holman, M.L.A., W. M. Daley, F. S. Perks, E. Ridge, R. H. L. Innes, E. D. Bradridge, C. F. W. Lloyd, V. Reid, J. J. Calvert, C. G. Wade, R. C. Galbraith, L. M. Walford, Dr. Palmer, Senator Neild, Major Wayne, and Sir F. Suttor, with Mr. H. E. M'Intosh as secretary, and Messrs. Sid. Walford and T. J. Smith as treasurers.

"Happy" Eyre, the saver of many lives at Manly, has recovered from his recent severe illness. He does not resume his position as life-saver.

Mr. M'Donald, Under-Secretary in the Lands Department had arranged to retire from the service at the beginning of this month; but, at the request of the Minister, he will continue in harness until the end of March. Mr. Moore wishes to have Mr. M'Donald's assistance in subdividing and settling the Peel River lands, and the Under-Secretary has gladly complied with the Minister's request.

Mr. Price, M.L.A., leaves town this evening for Port Macquarie, where he will join the State Treasurer's party and act as escort through the Gloucester electorate. Mr. Price will return to Sydney with Mr. Waddell on the 11th inst.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Sydney Hospital, held on the 2nd inst, the following resolution, proposed by Mr. John Pope, president, was carried unanimously:—"That in order to perpetuate the name of the late Sir Arthur Renwick, who devoted nearly 43 years of his life towards the work of the Sydney Hospital as hon. physician, hon. consulting physician, vice-president, and for 29 years as president, that portion of the hospital known as 'the south wing' be henceforth known as 'The Renwick Pavilion.'"

The board of directors of the Sydney Hospital has granted seven months' leave of absence to Dr. Richard Arthur, who is about to visit England. Dr. H. S. Marsh was appointed hon. assistant aural surgeon to the hospital during the absence on leave of Dr. Arthur.

At the Federal Cabinet meeting yesterday it was decided to send Mr. G. H. Knibbs, Commonwealth Statistician, to Vienna, to represent Australia at the International Congress of Actuaries, to be held on June 13. Mr. Knibbs will also attend the Conference of Statisticians at Paris in August.

At a special meeting of the committee of the New South Wales Home for Incurables, the chairman read a sympathetic letter from his Excellency the Governor, and one from Sir Henry Stephen, regretting the great loss sustained by the institution through the death of the late secretary (Mr. W. B. Johnson). It was resolved to erect a memorial tablet, and also two wards, to be named the "W. B. Johnson Wards."

In order to bring about the periodical movement, which is thought desirable, and to relieve Lieutenants Watts and Shaw at Thursday Island, a number of the younger officers of the Royal Australian Artillery are to be transferred as follows:—To come to New South Wales: Lieut. King, from Queensland, with the rank of captain; Lieut. Watts, from Thursday Island; Lieut. Patterson, from Victoria. Leaving New South Wales: Capt. Brown, to Victoria; Lieut. Cross, to Tasmania; Lieut. Harris to Queensland. Besides these transfers, Lieut. Shaw goes from Thursday Island to Victoria, with the rank of captain; Lieuts. Miles and McDonald, from Queensland to Victoria and Thursday Island respectively; and Lieut. Laverack, from Victoria to Queensland.

It is understood that Captain Woodcock, of the Royal Australian Artillery, will shortly retire from the service.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Federal Government has decided to advertise for a gentleman to fill the position of Chief Commissioner of Old-age Pensions. The salary to be paid is £1000 a year.

CUSTOMS CONVENTION.

REQUEST BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

The Cabinet at a meeting to-night decided to ask the British Government to call a convention of the various Customs administrations to discuss matters relating to their departments. In a report to the Cabinet the Minister for Customs (Mr. Tudor) says the principal objects to be obtained are:—1. Interchange of information as to the value and other particulars of goods exported and response to inquiries on questions of adulteration, under valuation, fraudulent weights, or other misdescriptions; 2. interchange of statistical and other information of interest to those engaged in trade and manufactures; 3. interchange of information in regard to Customs' laws and practice; 4. the establishment of an additional medium of communication between the traders of various countries.

INSURANCE COMMISSION.

The position of secretary to the Commonwealth Royal Commission on Insurance has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Charles H. Wickens, who has been acting-secretary to the commission.

TO-DAY.

Sydney Cricket Ground: Australian XI. v Rest of Australia, 12.
Hawkesbury River Round Trip: 8.15.
Her Majesty's: "The Duchess of Dantzic," 8.
Royal: "The Breed of the Treshams," 8.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 7.50.
Criterion Theatre: "Man to Man," 8.
Palace Theatre: "Russian Spy," 2; "East Lynne," 7.50.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 7.45.
Lyceum Theatre: Spencer's Theatrescope, 7.50.
Clay's Vaudeville: Masonic Hall, North Sydney, 8.
Zoological Gardens: 10.
Bijou Theatre: Moving Pictures, 8.
Glaciarium: West's Pictures, 8.
Figure Eight: Coogee, 10.
Wonderland City, Bondi: 2.
Exhibition Building: Moving Pictures, 8.

In connection with the cricket match, Australian XI. v Rest of Australia, to-day, it is notified that a special service of trams will be run to the Sydney Cricket Ground from Circular Quay and western railway gates, commencing at 10.50 a.m.

To-morrow will be the last day for lodging income tax returns. Failure to furnish returns within the prescribed time renders persons liable to a penalty of £20, unless an extension of time has been granted.

Public telephones have been erected at Mitchell-road, Alexandria, and Darlington.

At the annual meeting of the Australasian Institute of Mining Engineers the report showed a substantial increase in the membership. The financial statement showed a credit balance of £400 on fixed deposit and £86 to current account.

The steam tramway built to connect East and West Maitland is to be opened for traffic on Monday. The line is nearly three miles in length, and crosses the Northern railway line at High-street.

The mails by the R.M.S. Aorangi, which left Sydney on December 22, arrived at London on Tuesday.

We have received the calendar of Trinity College of Music, London, for 1909.

DEATH OF PAPUAN BOY.

TRIAL OF REV. BAXTER RILEY.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

THURSDAY ISLAND, Thursday.

The charge against the Rev. Baxter Riley was amended by Judge Murray to one of manslaughter, the case being heard last Friday at Daru, occupying most of the day.

Evidence for the prosecution was given by Davi, a South Sea man, who deposed:—Dick, who died, being his boy, attending the Mission School, leaving there and coming home on Sunday afternoons. Dick died at his place. He came home on Monday, when he got sick, saying he had pains in the neck and back. He was all right on Sunday. He stopped in bed all the time, and ate nothing for three weeks. He would only drink water. No medicine was given, only one glass of whisky. He was sure Dick was sick only three weeks. Mrs. Riley was at Daru.

Weba deposed that Dick was her son. One day he came from the mission sick. His neck was swollen up. He ate half his food, and spat half out. She gave him no medicine. The witness stated that Riley did not come to see Dick, but the Judge reminded her of her evidence in the lower Court, when she admitted that Mr. Riley came three times. She said nothing to Mr. Riley about Dick's neck.

Other witnesses examined gave evidence similar to that previously given, but added they had mumps about the time of Dick's sickness. Every boy in the school was suffering from the same complaint.

W. H. Luff, a trader, deposed to going with Mr. Riley to see Dick, who they found was very weak. They had a difficulty in getting him to take whisky and water. He appeared to be in a state of collapse. Witness did not notice a swelling on the neck. Mr. Riley asked him to come down and see Dick's face and forehead, which were very badly cut about, by his mother.

Mr. Laughton, who heard the preliminary case against Riley, and was subpoenaed by the latter, said he saw the body when dead. The neck appeared quite flabby.

To Mr. Riley: Witness said he held the inquest. What was the cause of death? "Well, I put in papers," said he, "grievous assault by Riley." He did not call Mr. Riley at the inquest. Asked why, he replied, "I don't know much about such things. I was busy, and thought you were at church."

Mr. Riley conducted his own defence, and called Alice, a servant, who deposed that she remembered Mr. Riley sending for Dick some time ago. Dick went to the bathroom, when he came to the house. Dick and Mr. Riley were there then. She went to the billiard room, and saw them all the time there, and saw them come out. She saw Mr. Riley whip Dick with the strap, produced. Mr. Riley did not catch Dick by the throat.

To the Judge: The door was not shut. She did not see Borgani, but became confused, and when asked why she finally said she did not know.

Amuhe gave similar evidence.

Other witnesses called were Beaver, Captain Mitchell, and Minsbull.

The accused, Mr. Riley, handed in a statement, which was admitted as evidence. This detailed that his wife had a lot of trouble with Dick, who had been rude, and used bad language while Mr. Riley was away. She complained to the magistrate (Mr. Beaver) of Dick, who cleared out from the mission, but returned on Mr. Beaver's advice, when he showered abuse on Mrs. Riley, who ordered him away. Mr. Riley, on his return, sent for Dick, who denied having given his wife trouble or used language because she would scold. When he heard Beaver's name mentioned, he admitted everything. Mr. Riley reviewed to Dick his life for the past five years in the mission, and asked him if he wished to return. Dick replied in the affirmative. Mr. Riley then told Dick he would have to punish him. Dick submitted, but demurred to being strapped before the whole school, and he was punished in the billiard-room. About 20 mild strokes were given with part of a sixpenny strap. Dick received the punishment quietly, and shed not a single tear. This occurred on October 20. The story of his neck being twisted was a wicked lie, which was probably the invention of Weba. Dick had mumps, and if he had a sore throat, which was possible, it was all put down to the occurrence in the billiard-room. Dick, after being punished, was given the choice of sitting in the bathroom or going to work with the other boys. He chose to sit in the bathroom. Mr. Riley went round the place, returning in 20 minutes, when he saw Dick going off. He called him several times, but he walked a fair pace down the road, swinging a stick in a cheerful manner. Mr. Riley saw Dick next November 5 at Davis's house, sitting upright on the verandah. Asked how he was, Dick replied alright, only his hand was sore. This was due to a skin disease. Dick promised to come for medicine, but did not come. Mr. Riley heard nothing more until the Thursday before Dick died, when he heard Davis wanted him to go and look at Dick. He went, and found him in a state of fever and rigor. Dick's face and temple were badly cut. Mr. Riley asked who did this. Davis said that Dick had fever; that he heaved up, and his head was very sore. This was why Weba had cut him. Mr. Riley got some whisky from Luff, whom he asked to come and see. The motive for so looking being that Luff would see what he gave Dick, for, if the illness should prove fatal, the natives would think the medicine caused death. He sent mutton broth and milk to Davis's house for Dick until he died. He saw Dick three times in all when he was very hot and restless. He estimated his temperature at 104. Dick died on a Sunday morning. The next thing Mr. Riley knew was the receipt of a summons on the following Tuesday.

Judge Murray adjourned the Court, and on resuming, gave a verdict of not guilty, and Mr. Riley was discharged.

ROBBING AN OLD WOMAN.

YOUNG MAN'S HEARTLESSNESS.

HEAVY SENTENCE.

DUBBO, Thursday.

At the Quarter Sessions, before Judge Docker, Joseph Samuel Lees, a young man, about 26, was charged with stealing £6 from Sarah Alford, a widow, residing at Wellington; and on a second count with larceny as a bailee of £83, the property of Mrs. Alford. The case for the Crown was that prosecutrix is a widow, aged 66 years. Somewhere about October 24 accused made her acquaintance, and called on her frequently. On November 6 he was at her place. She left the room to get him a drink of water, leaving a bag with £5 or £6 in it. On her return she found the money gone, and accused had disappeared. He returned about a week after, and asked her to forgive him. They became friendly again, and he proposed marriage to her. Accused said that they should be married a month later. She seemed to encourage him. He got her confidence to some extent. He told her people said she had £200 in the bank. He did not believe she had, and said, "Suppose you get it out to let me see?" She said she had only £100. Later on she drew out £83—all she had left. He told her she was foolish to keep so much money in the house; someone might kill her for it. He suggested she should give it to him to keep for her till he would return it at 6 o'clock next day, and also said he would arrange the marriage for the following Monday. She gave him the money. He went away, and she never saw him till his committal. He was arrested at Sydney on November 12 with about £5 on him. Evidence was given that he also obtained a watch from Mrs. Alford, and that he boasted to a young woman that he had promised marriage to "Old Sarah," and taken her down. Accused was found guilty. His Honor severely commented on his heartless conduct, and gave him five years' penal servitude.

THE "NO-BORROW" CRAZE.

MR. MURRAY SUPPORTS MR. WADDELL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Premier (Mr. Murray) stated to-day that he agreed in the main with the remarks made by Mr. Waddell, when speaking at Grafton, with respect to the "No borrow craze." Mr. Murray said that Mr. Waddell was quite right when he said that it was unjust to make the present generation pay the whole cost of works that would equally benefit generations to come. Care should be exercised in deciding upon the work, and if it were a legitimate one, and more particularly if it were one that would be reproductive, then there could be no reasonable objection to carrying it out with borrowed money.

A COUNTRY BURGLARY.

MURRUMBURRAH, Thursday.

A robbery was committed at Hargreaves' Albion Hotel last night, and £140 were taken from a safe in the bar. Being race night, Mr. Hargreaves slept in the room adjoining the bar, but he heard nothing. The room was entered through the billiard-room window, and the safe opened by means of a key. Only cash was taken; the cheques were left. Forty-five pounds of the money belonged to a boarder. This is the second time the hotel has been entered in six weeks. No money was obtained the first time.

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BRITISH CABINET.

REPORTED DISSENSIONS.

OVER INCREASED NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

The "Daily Chronicle" admits that sharp differences in the Cabinet have developed at recent meetings regarding the new construction vote in the Naval Estimates.

The Admiralty proposes an immediate addition of £2,500,000 to the new construction vote, increasing it to £5,000,000, and proposing a vote of £6,000,000 for succeeding years.

Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord Morley, Secretary of State for India, Mr. Winston Churchill, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, oppose the increase, whereas Mr. R. M'Kenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, though previously a rigid economist, and other members of the Cabinet support the increase.

Dr. T. J. Macnamara, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, also previously a rigid economist, supports the increase.

MULAI HAFID IN DANGER.

WOULD-BE ASSASSIN FOILED.

SULTAN'S SAVAGE REVENGE.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

A French officer saved the life of the Sultan of Morocco, Mulai Hafid.

The officer seized a would-be assassin's dagger just as he was about to strike.

The Sultan immediately ordered his attacker to be flogged to death.

ENGLAND UNPREPARED.

DRAMA'S EXTRAORDINARY VOGUE.

ROUSING THE COUNTRY.

THE AUTHOR REVEALED.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

The extraordinary vogue of the drama, "An Englishman's Home," which depicts the unpreparedness of England for war, is increasing.

Major Guy Louis Busson du Maurier, D.S.O., son of the late George du Maurier, cartoonist of "Punch" and author of "Trilby," is the author.

All the newspapers are publishing special articles and interviews daily regarding the drama, and statesmen are utilising the play for the purpose of rousing the country to the necessity of Home defence.

Viscount Esher, one of those interviewed, estimated the deficiency of the Territorial force at 106,000.

Major du Maurier is the Major of the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers. He joined the regiment as lieutenant in 1885, became captain in 1896, and major in 1900. In the South African war he commanded the 20th Mounted Infantry. He was mentioned in despatches, and received the D.S.O. for his services. Major du Maurier is 43 years of age, and married in 1905 Gwendolen, daughter of Mr. Edward Price, of Broadwater.

IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

AUSTRALASIAN DELEGATES.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

The committee of the Imperial Press Conference has arranged for the passage of the Australasian delegates by the Union S.S. Company's Marama, which will leave Sydney on April 12. The Australasian delegates will travel via Vancouver, Quebec, and Liverpool, to London, where the conference opens on June 5, meeting their Canadian confreres en route.

INTERNATIONAL COLD STORAGE.

REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEE.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

At the instance of Mr. T. A. Coghlan, representing Australia, the International Cold Storage Association has agreed that Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and South Africa should each have one representative on the permanent committee.

THE KRUGER TELEGRAM.

EMPEROR DECLARED THE AUTHOR.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

There are many German denials of Dr. Adolph Stein's account of the Kruger telegram. These declare that the German Emperor undoubtedly initiated the telegram, and not the German Foreign Office, as alleged by Dr. Stein.

THE KING'S COLONIALS.

UNDER SPECIAL CONTROL.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

The War Office has removed the King's Colonials from the jurisdiction of the London County Territorial Association, and they will become a special Imperial unit, managed by a Colonial Committee.

THE HOME FLEET.

ADMIRAL SIR W. H. MAY COMMANDS.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

Admiral Sir William Henry May, Second Sea Lord of the Admiralty, has been appointed to the command of the Home Fleet in succession to Vice-Admiral Francis Bridgeman.

MIDNAPORE BOMB OUTRAGE.

CULPRITS HEAVILY SENTENCED.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

The authors of the Midnapore bomb outrage have received sentences varying from seven to ten years' deportation.

SHIP ON FIRE.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

The ship River Falloch, for New South Wales, is on fire at Caleta Calosa. The holds of the vessel have been flooded.

MENDELSSOHN CENTENARY.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

The centenary of the birth of Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn was celebrated in many English cities yesterday.

TRANSVAAL TEAM FOR BISLEY.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

A Transvaal team of riflemen is coming to Bisley, and will pay half its own expenses.

BULGARIAN SETTLEMENT.

DISTRUST INCREASING.

GERMANY WAITING ON TURKEY.

DARDANELLES QUESTION.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

The German Government is reserved regarding the scheme of M. Isvolsky for settling the indemnity question which stands between Turkey and Bulgaria. Germany desires to know the feeling in Turkey, where the serious misgiving over the proposal is increasing. Many Turks recall the proposal put forward after the re-establishment of the constitution, whereby a remission of the war indemnity was offered in exchange for the opening of the Dardanelles to Russian warships.

The fact that Great Britain and France supported the proposal at Sofia without consulting Turkey has produced a very bad effect in Turkey.

WELCOMED BY FRANCE.

The scheme of settlement of the Bulgarian indemnity is welcomed in France.

France has £80,000,000 sterling invested in Turkey, and holds the bulk of the Bulgarian debt.

SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTITUTION.

PUBLICATION ON TUESDAY.

NO ENTHUSIASM OVER CAPITAL.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

The compromise which has been arrived at by the South African Convention regarding the capital question has been received without enthusiasm in South Africa, and is not regarded as being workable.

The draft constitution will be published on Tuesday, thus allowing the delegates to reach home and add their explanations of it.

General Botha, Premier of the Transvaal, is hopeful of its acceptance.

ENGLISH JUDICIAL CHANGES.

DIVORCE JUDGE RESIGNS.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

Sir John Gorell Barnes has resigned the presidency of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice owing to ill-health, and has been created a Baron. Mr. Justice Bigham succeeds to the presidency of the division, and Mr. John Andrew Hamilton, K.C., has been appointed a Judge of the King's Bench Division.

Sir John Gorell Barnes has been President of the Divorce Court since 1905, and has been a Judge of the High Court of Justice since 1892. He is 60 years of age. Mr. Justice Bigham is eight years older than his predecessor in the Presidency. He has sat on the Bench since 1897. For some years he represented the Exchange division of Liverpool in the House of Commons. The new Judge, Mr. John Andrew Hamilton, has had exclusively local career, and has been practising since 1883.

SALVATION ARMY'S IMMIGRANTS.

VIGOROUS REPLY TO MR. TROTTER.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Mr. Howell, head of the Immigration Department of the Salvation Army in Canada, has made a vigorous reply to the attack by Mr. Trotter, a Canadian, at the Labour Conference at Portsmouth, on the immigration programme of the Salvation Army.

Mr. Howell appeals to the opinion of a large section of labour interests in Canada regarding the suitability of the Army's immigrants, who, he says, are placed on the land, and not among the unemployed in the cities.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

AMERICA'S BIG OUTLAY.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

The United Wireless Telegraph Company is establishing four high-power wireless telegraph stations on the Pacific coast for the transmission of ethergrams direct to the Atlantic coast. For intermediate services, 250 additional stations are being established in the United States.

AERONAUTICAL EXPERIMENTS.

A VOTE REVERSED.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

The House of Representatives of the United States has reversed its vote, adding 500,000 dollars (£100,000) to the army appropriation for the purposes of aeronautical experiments, and has deleted the clause.

CO-OPERATIVE FARMING SCHEME.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Lord Rayleigh's co-operative farming scheme at Witham, Essex, yielded the labourers 4 per cent. on their investment.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

To-day the sales were animated. Merinos hardened, but crossbreds were unchanged.

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At the wool sales yesterday prices realised were:—Teapiti, 10½d; Napnap, 10¼d; Goonambil, 11d; Walhallow, 11½d; Eilangowan, 11½d; Raukawa, 13¾d; Wotongvale, 14½d; Wingadee, 18½d.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LATE MR. ALFRED DOBSON'S ESTATE.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

The estate in the United Kingdom of the late Mr. Alfred Dobson, who was Agent-General for Tasmania, drowned while on a voyage from Boulogne to Folkestone, has been sworn at £15,624.

DEATH OF MR. F. A. FRANKLIN.

Mr. F. A. Franklin, C.E., of New South Wales, died suddenly aboard the G.M.S. Bremen at Genoa.

[Mr. Franklin was formerly an engineer of the Public Works Department. He advocated the Kenny Hill scheme for the Sydney water supply, as opposed to the Prospect Reservoir proposal, and some time after the adoption of the latter proposal he resigned from the department. He had lived for many years at Wollongong.]

A STEAMER BARBOUND.

CORAKI, Thursday.

A heavy sea is running on the bar at the entrance to the river, and the steamer Brundah is barbound.

INDIAN REFORMS.

CLAIMS OF MOSLEMS.

DISSATISFACTION WITH LORD MORLEY.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

Discussion on the reply of Lord Morley to the deputation of Mohammedans, asking for the appointment of two native members on the Executive Council of the Governor-General, continues.

Mohammedans deny the dictim of Lord Morley that population statistics form the main factor in determining representation under the new scheme of reforms. Mohammedans say they have many powerful claims to exceptional treatment.

The India Office denies that Dr. Ashutoth Mukharji, a Judge of the High Court at Calcutta, has been appointed a member of the Executive Council of the Governor-General.

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALLERS.

LEAGUE v. ENGLAND.

A DRAWN GAME.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

In a match between the Australian League team and England, at Glasgow, each side scored 4 goals and 3 tries.

Three thousand people witnessed the match between a team representing England and the Australian League team at Glasgow. The playing ground was heavy. In the first half England obtained a goal from a try, and then a goal from a drop kick. The League did not score.

In the second half Messenger scored a goal from a penalty kick, and England two goals from tries. Then from fine dribbling rushes Pearce, Morton, and Graves scored tries, which Messenger converted into goals.

ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER.

MEN SLEEP IN BURNING HAYSTACK.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The police have been inquiring into a fire which occurred at J. Thompson's farm at Pike's Creek, seven miles from Ballan. The outbreak occurred late on Sunday night, when about a score of men were asleep in straw heaps near where they had been threshing. Mrs. White, who lives in the neighbourhood, noticed the flames, and hurried to the haystacks and called out to the men. As she did not receive any response she concluded that the men were absent. Aid was secured, and several men attacked the fire, which had almost reached the straw and hay. To the astonishment of the fire fighters some of the men who were awakened by the clamour crept out from amongst the straw, and these disturbed their comrades, 22 in number. But for this intervention they would have been burnt to death. So thankful were the men to Mrs. White that they insisted upon threshing her crop for her without charge. The cause of the fire is considered to have been a smoker's pipe.

THE YAMPI TRAGEDY.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

PERTH, Thursday.

Further particulars to hand concerning the case of supposed murder by natives near Yampi Sound, beyond Derby, as officially reported to the Commissioner of Police two days ago, show that Frederick Madsen, beachcomber, reached Derby on Sunday, and stated that his partner (J. P. Jones) had been lured ashore at Collier Bay by some natives, who offered to show him a patch of shell in shallow water. They went ashore with him in a dingy. Near the headland opposite Yampi Sound, Madsen saw Jones land, and go round the point with the natives. Soon afterwards he noticed natives running rapidly on the rise of the hill. He remained on the lugger with one native, and while cooking his supper was struck by the latter, and wounded severely but not dangerously in the back. He wrestled with the native, and threw him overboard, and on his attempting to regain the lugger Madsen shot him through the leg. The native disappeared for a time, but Madsen, watching carefully, saw him climbing up the bobstay. Madsen then shot him through the head, and he disappeared. He then hove the anchor, and sailed close inshore to where he had last seen Jones. He remained in the neighbourhood for two days, and then came away for Derby, having had a terrible time sailing the lugger through swift currents and whirlpools. Madsen is a quiet respectable sailor, and bears a good reputation. Jones, his partner in the lugger, was an ex-water police officer, and had resided in Derby for 18 years. Madsen had warned Jones against trusting the natives, and said that Jones was easily led away. The natives speak English fairly well, and are known at Sunday Island mission. The native who murdered a prospector called "Mad Jack," and stole his lugger, about two years ago, belonged to the same tribe.

NORTH COAST COUNTRY.

GOVERNMENT'S PATERNAL CARE.

CORAMBA, Thursday.

A banquet on the first night of the Coramba Show in honour of the visiting Ministers and members, Messrs. Waddell, Oakes, and Briner, was a great success.

Mr. Waddell, in reply to the toast of "The Ministers and Parliament," said the Government was reasonably pleased to believe that during its 16 months' tenure of office it had faithfully and impartially represented all classes and creeds of the country, especially the manual workers, who received quite as much consideration as the menial workers. During those 16 months the Government had passed a great number of very important measures against great opposition. As to the charge of neglect of the North Coast, everything could not be done in a year or in many years. He contended that the North Coast had received all the attention to which it was entitled, maybe a little more. He contended that the North Coast was not so badly treated as perhaps other portions of the State. As an earnest of the Government to give the district fair play, Mr. Waddell instanced the large amount of £1800 spent on the Dorrigo to Coramba road. It required £7500 more to finish it. The Government was not unmindful of the vital interests of the people, and recognised that the North Coast had a great future. The fact that the country where the North Coast Railway commenced was not rich had militated against construction of the line.

TERRIBLE MINING FATALITY.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

TWO MEN KILLED.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

Information has been received from Copmanhurst of a double mining fatality at Gordon Brook copper mine. It appears that two men, named Taylor and Goodall, were engaged in the mine drilling a hole, when they struck an unexploded charge of dynamite. There was at once a fearful explosion, of which both men received the full effects. Taylor was taken to the surface at once, where it was found that he had been completely blinded. His right arm was smashed to pulp up to the elbow, and the left hand was blown off. Goodall was buried beneath a mass of debris. He was got out as speedily as possible, but only lived a few minutes after being rescued. He, too, had received terrible injuries. Taylor was conveyed to Copmanhurst, en route to the Grafton Hospital, but died on the journey.

WANTED TO DIE.

THROAT CUT WITH A RAZOR.

Alexander Anderson, of Kent-street, city, was admitted to the Sydney Hospital last night suffering from severe cuts about the throat.

Mr. James Doyle, of Riley-street, city, observed Anderson, at about 6 o'clock, sitting on a seat in the Domain cutting at his throat with a razor. He went up to Anderson, and, after taking the razor from him, asked him what he was doing it for. Anderson replied that he wanted to die. Mr. Doyle then informed Constable Winter, of Woolloomooloo police, who removed Anderson to the Sydney Hospital. His condition is not considered critical.

COASTAL SHIPWRECK.

UNKNOWN STEAMER LOST.

ASHORE AT BROKEN BAY.

ALL HANDS SAVED.

The alarming news reached Sydney about midnight that a steamship of about 400 tons, the name of which was unknown, had been totally lost to the southward of Cape Three points, at the northern head of Broken Bay.

The vessel had been loading timber during yesterday, but late in the afternoon was driven ashore on the beach, flying two flags believed to be signals of distress.

The scene of the disaster is close to the wreck of the steamer Maitland, and last night heavy seas were breaking right over the vessel. The lighthouse-keeper reported this morning that she was a total loss.

The vessel has a yellow funnel aft, and two masts, and the hull is painted a dark colour. According to statements made she went ashore about 4.30 p.m., and by nightfall had settled down.

The Captain Cook pilot steamer was despatched to the scene at 12.10 this morning.

It is reported that all hands have been saved.

IMPOSSIBLE TO RENDER AID.

No rockets were fired, blue lights burnt, or other distress signals made from the scene of the accident last night, and the fact that no lights of any description were to be seen on the steamer led the lighthouse-keeper to assume that the vessel was full of water and had settled down completely.

The authorities at Barranjoey state that the wrecked vessel entered Broken Bay at daylight yesterday, and during the whole day was engaged in loading timber from the beach, the sailors hauling the logs through the surf. She first appeared to be in distress late in the afternoon.

Owing to the rough-weather conditions ruling in Broken Bay it was found impossible to render aid, and no means could be devised for communicating with the distressed sailors. The vessel apparently had steam up during the afternoon, but as shortly afterwards no smoke was issuing from her funnels it was concluded that the fires in her engine-room had been extinguished.

RETURN OF THE CAPTAIN COOK.

As soon as the pilot steamer Captain Cook had reached North Head signals were made to her by the authorities to return to port, and she anchored in Watson's Bay shortly before 1 o'clock this morning.

It then transpired that the orders of the Navigation Department to proceed at once to the scene of the disaster had been countermanded, and instructions given to wait till daylight.

As far as can be ascertained, the first news of the accident was communicated to the Department of Navigation at about 6.30 last evening, but it was not until a quarter to 12 that the pilot steamer was informed of anything being amiss. The commander immediately cast off to render assistance.

In the meantime additional information was received that no lives were in danger, as the ship's company had been seen on the beach before dark, and it was in consequence of this message that the pilot steamer was recalled.

Captain Chudleigh, on his return, said that it was just as well that the vessel came back, as he would have been unable to do anything until daybreak. Very heavy seas were running outside, and it would have been impossible to approach the wreck.

The Captain Cook will leave again between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning, so as to arrive off Broken Bay at daybreak.

SUPPOSED TO BE THE NAROOMA.

Later.

From a description furnished by the lighthouse-keeper at Barranjoey it is feared that the wrecked vessel is the well-known coasting steamer Narooma.

The Narooma, which is owned by Captain Thos. R. Evans, of Redfern, is a wooden steamer of 105 tons gross and of 56 tons net. She was built at Narooma in this State in 1904, her principal dimensions being: Length, 99ft 4in; breadth, 24ft; and depth, 6ft 5in.

The lighthouse-keeper describes the vessel ashore as a green-sided steamer with yellow funnel and black top.

A NEW CONSTITUTION.

STATE LABOUR COUNCIL.

ITS OBJECTS DEFINED.

New rules of what is to be called "The Labour Council of New South Wales" were circulated on a printed sheet at last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council. The constitution (subject to final approval) sets out that the council shall consist of labour unions within New South Wales, "consolidated for mutual assistance, and for the furtherance of the cause of labour generally." The constitution further says the council shall be governed "as hereinafter provided." The objects of the council are summarised thus:—

(a) To improve the condition and protect the interest of all classes of labour within the sphere of the council's influence.

(b) To discuss, consider, and put in force, when approved, any scheme for the better guidance and extension of labour organisation.

(c) To prevent, if possible, by conference or otherwise, any dispute between members of the unions forming the Labour Council of New South Wales and employers, and to endeavour to uphold the rules of any union which is affiliated to the council; failing which, to provide ways and means for the maintenance of the union involved.

(d) To secure the direct representation of Labour in Parliament, and to promote such legislative reforms as shall ensure social justice.

(e) To secure a better advocacy of the principles and rights of labour through the press.

Provision is made for district councils to be established where necessary. These councils are to deal with local matters and business transmitted from the central council. The following is the procedure:—"Any question involving members of another district shall not be dealt with by a district council without reference to the head body, whose decision shall be final."

The basis of representation is set out in the following paragraph:—

Two delegates from any society paying for not more than 50 members; three delegates from any society paying for over 50 members. Each delegate shall have one vote only. Delegates representing metropolitan unions shall be financial and practical members of the trade or calling represented. Unions or councils beyond the metropolitan area may elect any trade unionist as delegate, subject to the approval of the council.

It is provided that the governing council shall not be dissolved while three societies remain affiliated; and that when less than three societies remain affiliated it shall be dissolved, as a majority of delegates at a special summoned meeting, called for that purpose, may determine.

A SPLIT POSSIBLE.

RUMOURS OF SECESSION.

Rule 6 sets out that "every society and council affiliated shall agree to and abide by the decision of the council in all matters requiring its intervention and judgment." It has already been explained that the Federated Seamen's Union has, through its secretary, Mr. Arthur Cooper, given a month's notice to rescind this rule—which was the one carried a few weeks ago by 51 votes to 50. The reason for this notice of motion has never been publicly explained, but it is possible that this union, being Australasian in character, cannot submit to the dictation of an organisation which, if everything succeeds, will be one of State control only.

The Sydney Wharf Labourers' Union, which is also federated with similar unions in other States, finds itself in the same plight. It is rumoured that this union actually decided a week ago to secede. Something must, however, have happened since, for the reason that Mr. S. T. Harrison, the secretary, took his seat as a delegate fairly late in the proceedings of last night's meeting. He had been little more than seated when it was decided to exclude the press, and conduct the business in committee.

DIRTY WEATHER.

SHIPPING OPERATIONS HAMPERED.

Strong southerly gales were raging on the seaboard last night, accompanied by heavy seas, and at a few places in the north by thick, driving rain squalls. As a result of the southerly change, there was a sudden drop in temperature, the maximum reading registered in the city yesterday being only 73 degrees.

The greatest velocity attained by the wind in Sydney was 45 miles an hour, from the direction of SSW, and a few sprinkles of rain occurred, the total quantity measured, however, being only 3 points. Owing to the heavy weather conditions at sea, shipping operations were considerably interfered with, and many of the smaller vessels have been detained.

The Coomonderry, which left Sydney at 2.35 p.m. yesterday for the South Coast, met the full force of the winds and seas immediately after passing out of the Heads, and she returned at 2.55 p.m. The steamer Hillmeads, belonging to the same owners, passed out at 2.55 p.m., but, being unable to make much headway against the storm, put back to Sydney at 5.35 p.m. The barque Empress, which sailed from Newcastle yesterday with coal for New Zealand, returned to port shortly afterwards.

Many vessels, both steam and sail, are sheltering along the north coast. The steamer Brundah is barbound at the Richmond River, while the Myee is detained at the Bellinger River. Among the coasters which have taken refuge in the Macleay River are the ketches Premier, Wave, Rozelle, and Zelma, and the schooner Alpha; while at the Manning River the steamer Astral is weatherbound.

THE FISH WAR.

CITY COUNCIL DECIDES.

CONCILIATORY IF MET.

FULL POWER TO LORD MAYOR.

If the fish agents return to the City Markets the City Council will not start in competition with them. But if they do not return it has given the Lord Mayor power to compete with them in taking delivery of fish, sending out, packing, and ice, and acting in everything except the financing of fishermen as a fish agent. Moreover, it is to be seen whether steps cannot be taken under the Pure Foods Act to bring the whole inspection of all fish in Sydney under the council's control. That appears to be the effect and intention of the motions of the council passed last night.

At the end of the business on the estimates, the Lord Mayor said that everybody knew that certain agents, who were anxious to do practically as they liked in the markets, took exception to certain changes which they feared the council was going to make, and went outside the city boundary. Twelve agents out of 16 had left the markets.

A Voice: Good riddance.

The Lord Mayor: Every agent is worth £150 a year to the council. My aim will be to conduct the business in the market on such lines that these people will see the necessity of coming back. The facilities we can offer there are greater than they can get elsewhere. I have every reason to believe that in a year this council will possess one of the most magnificent markets possible for this trade in Belmore.

The Government, the Lord Mayor continued, very wisely had brought in a Pure Foods Bill. Under existing conditions, by the fact of these people moving to Redfern, there was no control—no inspection—of the fish consumed in the city. The inspection at Redfern was casual, whereas the Woolloomooloo market was famed for its sweetness. It must count strongly with people outside that the bulk of the fish was not inspected, and when they realised that these people in Redfern were controlling these markets with only a casual inspection he believed the majority would see the necessity of coming back to Woolloomooloo.

The arrangements the council had made by their auctioneer unquestionably appealed to buyers and sellers. At the same time, though he agreed that the council should have absolute and definite control of its markets, he was not agreed with everyone on one point. The council's liability should cease there. It would cause endless worry to go to the wharfs night after night, and do the whole business of agency. It was never the intention of this council to do that.

"But," added the Lord Mayor, "let us say to them: 'We will give you a central market, and conduct the business on the very best lines.'"

Alderman A. M'Elhone: They will not come back.

The Lord Mayor: If they don't we shall get fresh men. But two of the 12 have already returned, and we have created a nucleus of new agents. But I should like to know—am I justified in telling these people we will not enter into the business of financing fishermen? I would oppose it.

Alderman Meagher said he had known fish sold three dozen for a shilling, and then sold afterwards by dealers for 6d each. He agreed they should not finance fishermen. But they could fairly have them consign their fish and take delivery of them—go to the wharfs and get the fish.

An alderman: Would you supply ice?

Alderman Meagher: Yes.

Alderman M'Elhone: You won't get them even so, because 90 per cent. are bound under bill of sale to the agents.

Alderman Meagher said he wanted to break the agents. He would do all these things to take delivery.

The Lord Mayor: I think we are quite justified in doing it for a month or two.

Alderman Cocks: Suppose we give full discretionary power to the Lord Mayor.

The Lord Mayor: I will do it; I will look to it; I will do all that is right by the council, the consumers, and the people who are going to be our supporters. If any great difficulty arises I will at once refer it to the council.

This course was accordingly agreed upon.

CARPENTARIA DOWNS MURDER.

POWER'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

One witness for the Crown in the case against Mrs. Wilson, who is charged with the murder of Miss Duffy at Carpentaria Downs station, was William Power, an old boundary rider, employed on Carpentaria Downs. Power was apparently discharged from the service of the station, and was subsequently found at Old Carpentaria with a bullet wound through his body. An exhaustive investigation was made, and the papers in the case have just reached Brisbane. The Commissioner of Police wrote that he had concluded that the evidence on the whole points to suicide, and that he thinks that view must be accepted as every possible source of information seems to be exhausted.

SAILING HANDICAP.

AUSTRALIAN ON SWAN RIVER.

PERTH, Thursday.

The Sydney 18-footer Australian took part in a class handicap at a regatta on the Swan River on Tuesday. She was on scratch, with Eunice, Cygnus, and Aeolus. She was the last of the quartette to get away, Cygnus leading for the first circuit of the course. On the second run, Australian went up second to Aeolus, which had established a long lead. On the run to Gallops buoy, Cygnus passed Australian, which subsequently fouled Brickland buoy, and was disqualified. Aeolus won easily from Crescent, who had three minutes' start. The water was choppy, a strong sea breeze blowing. The crews were engaged bailing throughout. Almost every boat was carrying too much sail.

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Joseph Augustine Downs and John George Seager were charged with feloniously slaying George Salmon at Goulburn on October 19 last year, and pleaded not guilty. Mr. James, instructed by Mr. Thomas, appeared for Seager, and Mr. J. Walsh for Downs. Dr. R. M'Killop's evidence was that Salmon died from a fracture of the back of the skull. Fanny Gregson deposed she saw Salmon, who was an elderly man, come from Mandelson's Hotel, and go towards the railway station. Two men ran after him, of whom Seager was one. They asked him for a match. He said he had not got any. One of the men struck Salmon a blow on the face, and Salmon fell heavily, striking the ground with the back of his head. There was metal on the road. She heard his head crack like a shell. The man who struck the first blow ran away, but Seager remained.

For the defence, Downs deposed that he asked deceased for a match. Deceased walked after him, and when witness asked him for a match deceased struck out with both his hands, pushing witness away, and knocking his hat off. Witness then walked off. He might have struck deceased when he (witness) put up his hands to ward off blows when deceased was coming at him. Seager deposed that Downs hit deceased after deceased appeared to hit Downs. Downs was found guilty. With reference to Seager the jury disagreed, and were locked up for the night.

POSTAL COMMISSION.

PERTH G.P.O.

NEW BUILDING WANTED.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

The Postal Commission resumed its sittings to-day. The Comptroller of Stores was further examined, and Mr. T. J. Meyers, president of the Post and Telegraph General Division Association, submitted a statement in which the disabilities under which the employees worked were enumerated. The chairman stated at the conclusion of the day's proceedings that in order to facilitate the inquiries of the commission in this State, Senator Delargie and Mr. Storrer, M.P., would proceed to Kalgoorlie, whilst he, himself and Mr. Webster continued the sittings in Perth.

Thursday.

During the sitting of the Postal Commission to-day the Chairman said that in response to an inquiry concerning the valuation placed on portion of the General Post Office, which has been transferred to the Commonwealth, the Department of Home Affairs has replied: "Portion G.P.O., Perth, taken over by Commonwealth; structure, £45,000; site, £30,000, not including telephone exchange, batteries, stores, and technical equipment." He asked Mr. Piesse, senior inspector for this State, whether he considered it possible for the Commonwealth at the expenditure of a much smaller sum than that mentioned, to erect a more desirable and modern building than the present G.P.O. on a more suitable site. Mr. Piesse replied in the affirmative, and expressed the opinion that the Commonwealth should not take over the present building, but erect a new one.

BIG FIRES.

GEORGE-STREET BLAZE.

VARNISH WAREHOUSE GUTTED.

LARGE CROWD OF SPECTATORS.

A sensational city fire occurred last night shortly after 8 o'clock, in a four-story building situated at 280 George-street, city, and occupied on the ground floor by Mr. G. G. Lind, tobacconist.

The outbreak originated on the first floor, which is occupied by Messrs. William H. Docker, Ltd., varnish manufacturers, who are incorporated with Robert Ingham, Clark, and Co., Ltd., West Ham Abbey Works, London, and within an hour it had travelled through the second and third floors and burst through the roof, sweeping all before it.

The flames were first noticed on the first floor by some passers-by, at the rear of the building, which adjoins Little George-street, and Traffic-constable Morris gave the alarm to the brigade. The latter arrived speedily, Superintendent Webb and Deputy Superintendent Sparkes attending in a motor. As the outbreak promised to be serious Superintendent Webb gave the order for more steamers, and within a few minutes three steamers, two pumping engines, two motors, the water tower, and some small ladders were on the scene. The flames gained rapidly, and soon burst through the windows at the rear of the building. The lift well formed a flue, up which the blaze roared towards the roof. A large crowd gathered in George-street in front of the building, but a better sight of the flames was obtainable from the lane leading from Pitt-street to the rear of the premises. Here another smaller crowd mustered, and tram traffic was hindered to a certain extent during the progress of the fire.

A line of hose was first passed along Hamilton-lane to the rear of the building, but this failed to do more than keep the base of the wall cool, and prevent the flames on the first floor from spreading. Superintendent Webb then ordered the water tower to the front of the building. Several lines of hose were passed up, and the fire was attacked from both front and rear. The proximity of other large buildings was a matter for much concern, and had there been a strong breeze blowing it is possible that the whole block might have been destroyed. The successful efforts of the brigade, however, prevented this, and a second line of hose, which was brought into action at the back of the building, helped considerably.

By 9 o'clock the fire was at its highest, and the flames burst through the roof at the rear. Huge volumes of smoke, intermingled with leaping flame, poured out of the top of the building and rolled towards the harbour, while an occasional window frame fell amid a shower of sparks into the lane. The men on the water-tower now attacked the roof, the jets from their hoses driving sparks from the charred openings where once the top floor back windows were. By 9.30 the flames were practically extinguished, and the return of most of the engines and men was ordered.

The crowd which witnessed the fire must have numbered many thousands, and a small army of policemen was kept busy restraining eager sightseers from venturing too close. These precautions were necessary, as in the early stages of the fire there appeared every probability of the rear wall falling in. It was also thought that W. H. Docker and Co.'s stock of varnish and paint, the burning of which added to the volume of the flames and the rapidity of the fire, might cause an explosion.

The building, which consists of four floors, with a small room at the top, was owned by Mr. F. J. Plomley, and was rented by Mr. Lind, who occupied the ground floor and subleased the other portions of the building to W. H. Docker and Co., E. R. Picot, indent agents, connected with W. H. Docker and Co., and L. Ryan, of the Rubber Stamp Supply Company. The building was insured in the United Insurance Company for between £2500 and £3000. The contents of Mr. Lind's tobacconist shop, which were severely damaged by water, were insured in several offices, the New Zealand Insurance Company holding one policy for £600.

The first, second, and third floors, which were occupied by W. H. Docker and Co., were completely burned out, as well as the room on the top floor, occupied by Mr. Ryan. The stock on these floors is said to be covered by insurance, the amount of which is at present unknown.

It is difficult to estimate the loss caused by the fire, but this must be considerably over £5000. The cause of the outbreak has not been ascertained.

ANOTHER BLAZE.

FLOUR MILLS AT NEWTOWN.

A GOOD SAVE.

Soon after the brigades returned from the George-street fire, they received another call to a fire which had broken out at about 10 p.m. in F. Crago and Sons, Ltd.'s flour mills, Newtown.

The flames did not extend beyond the wheat cleaning department, on the top floor, and were put out by the brigades by midnight, but several thousands of pounds' worth of damage was done. The actual loss on this account is covered by insurance, but the indirect loss will be considerable.

The flames, which broke out in the wheat-cleaning department, on the top floor, on the side facing the railway line, were discovered by the miller at about 10.10 p.m. The water cocks were at once turned on, but the supply was insufficient to subdue the blaze. Meanwhile the brigades had been rung up. Newtown was the first to arrive, and Marrickville, Leichhardt, George-street West, Redfern, and Headquarters followed, Superintendent Webb being in charge. Three steamers and several hydrants were got to work, the lines of hose being carried up the stairway, and by 12 o'clock the fire was out.

The brigades were able to prevent the flames from spreading beyond the wheat cleaning department, an area of about 40 x 30 feet. But next to this department, and also on the top floor, is the milling section, and the water penetrated to this and to the floors below, reaching the flour stores, and spoiling a great part of the stock. The machinery in the wheat cleaning section was ruined, and the floors of the upper stories destroyed by the flames.

Mr. A. Crago explained that the actual damage done would run into several thousands of pounds, though it could not properly be estimated as yet. This was covered by insurance in the Atlas Company, but there would still be the indirect loss the firm would suffer through the delay necessary to erect new machinery. The mill was then at its busiest, running full time day and night, this being the beginning of the cereal season, and there were numbers of orders which would have to be fulfilled before the new machines could be put in.

This is the second large fire the firm has suffered. In July, 1901, the milling section, including the wheat-cleaning and milling department, were absolutely burnt out, since when the mill has been rebuilt and fitted out with new machinery.

A large number of people gathered about the mills, and Sub-inspector McKimmon, of Newtown, was present with a body of police, to preserve order.

BARQUE HIPPOLAS REFLOATED.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

The barque Hippolas, which has been aground on Iluka Crossing since Friday, was floated off to-day.

THE RICHMOND TRAGEDY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

An inquest was held to-day regarding the death of Emily Williams, 23 years, single woman, which occurred suddenly in Smith-street, Richmond, after an altercation with another woman on February 1. The coroner found that deceased died from heart failure and shock, the result of a blow struck by Ellen Mitchell. He found Mitchell guilty of manslaughter, and committed her for trial.

MAYORAL ELECTIONS.

The following aldermen have been elected mayors of the respective municipalities:—

Ashfield: Alderman H. E. Pratten.
Enfield: Alderman Jas. Mackay.
Dundas: Alderman J. Neil.
Granville: Alderman C. Townsend.
Homebush: Alderman H. Wilkins.
Hamilton: Alderman Rogers.
Murrumburrah: Alderman W. Bradford.
Waverley: Alderman R. G. Watkins.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Shooting at 500 and 600 yards yesterday, A. G. Ross, who is only 16 years of age, put up 69 out of 70, getting 34 at 500yds. and the possible at 600yds. The other scores were as follow:—A. W. Barnes 68, A. Hodge 57, G. W. Brownhill 57, H. Hodgson 54, S. Jennings 52, W. Salby 50, E. Kell 49, H. Hodge 48, C. Ross 40.

BIG CRICKET.

AUSTRALIA V "THE REST."

LAVER APPOINTED MANAGER.

KELLEWAY REPLACES VERNON.

The match between the Australian Eleven, composed largely of members of the team for England, and the Rest of Australia, will begin to-day at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Hitherto contests between the team for England and "The Rest" have provoked particularly keen struggles, and have at times introduced to the public a successful aspirant to international representation. Despite the fact that a good deal of rain has fallen, the wicket should be in good order, provided, of course, none falls this morning. The recuperative properties of the Sydney ground are well known.

There are five players to be chosen to complete the team for England, and the form shown in this and in the Melbourne engagements will assist the selectors. The cricket should be up to its highest traditions.

An alteration has taken place in the Rest of Australia side. Vernon, the Victorian fast bowler, has not been able to come over, and his place has been filled by Kelleway. The selection of Cotter as a certainty for England settled whatever claims Vernon may have had for selection as the fast bowler of that team.

The teams are:—

AUSTRALIA.	REST OF AUSTRALIA.
M. A. Noble	A. J. Hopkins
V. Trumper	W. Bardsley
W. W. Armstrong	C. Kelleway
V. Ransford	C. R. Gorry
J. A. O'Connor	G. Hazlitt
A. Cotter	J. V. Saunders
H. Carter	E. F. Parker
C. G. Macartney	C. E. Simpson
S. E. Gregory	E. R. Mayne
P. McAlister	D. R. A. Gehrs
W. Carkeek	J. C. Barnes
	F. Laver (12th)

The certainties for England have held a meeting, and appointed Mr. F. Laver manager of the team. The appointment will come before the Board of Control for confirmation.

Mr. Laver has been twice to England with cricket teams—in 1899 as player, and in 1905 as manager and player. He knows the ropes, and will, judging by his work in 1905, prove the right man for the position. He started as manager of the 1905 team, but against Surrey, the third match of the tour, he was pressed into the service as a player, and at once began a remarkable bowling career. In six matches he secured no fewer than 54 wickets, and he closed the tour with 115, at an average cost of 18.19; second to Armstrong, who accounted for 130 wickets at 17.60 a piece. A man who can perform in this fashion is a useful man to take as a manager.

The board may be of the opinion that the manager should be appointed by the whole team. In that case the board may defer the appointment until after the Melbourne match, when the team for England shall have been chosen.

COOLIES IN FIJI.

RUMOURS DENIED.

NO OFFICIAL NEWS OF TROUBLE.

The statement by cable from Auckland that white residents in Fiji were arming in fear of an Indian rising in the sugar districts finds no corroboration at the office of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Limited.

It was stated that no information of the kind indicated had been received. The report was, indeed, looked upon by the officials of the company as being unduly alarming. It was explained that the office was in almost daily communication with Fiji by cable, and that, in the event of any ground for anticipating trouble, word would have at once been sent—without waiting five days for the ship to reach Auckland. The company was, therefore, inclined to look with suspicion upon the information. Three messages from Fiji received by the company during yesterday made no mention whatever of any trouble being anticipated. The agents for the Fiji Government, Dalgety and Co., Limited, also stated that they had not received any official communication on the subject.

Inquiries from other sources elicited the information that the armed police protection of the island would, in the event of any extraordinary conduct by Indians, be quite sufficient to effectually check any rising that might be possible. If anything of this kind were attempted on the main island the loyal Fijians, who outnumbered the Indians, would stand by the Government.

When the last census was taken it was found that in the whole group the European population amounted to 2675, which included 1607 males; the half-castes numbered 1649; Polynesians, 2047; and Fijians, 86,816. As against this, the Indian coolie population amounted to 29,592. In the face of figures like these it was argued that the Fijian natives would be likely to take the part of the whites should any Indian rising occur.

Many coolies are employed on the sugar plantations, but these plantations are not hopelessly unprotected. They are mostly on the largest island of the group. In the event of a rising the native armed constabulary would be ordered out. Any trouble on the plantation on the second largest island would be more difficult to subdue; but it is stated that there are not many of the type of Indians there that would give any cause for apprehension.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. COOK.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

There were no developments in the Federal political situation to-day. Prior to his departure by the express for Sydney this afternoon, the Opposition leader (Mr. Joseph Cook) made the following statement regarding two formal conversations with Mr. Deakin:—"There is very little to say. Our conversations were in general terms, the whole political field being covered. Consideration of the political situation will be resumed later on. On our side it will be resumed with a genuine endeavour for a meeting on a common and at the same time honourable ground of all the forces in the House which are opposed to the Labour socialism of the present Government. That can only be done by a compromise of views; and with a genuine desire on all sides to accomplish the object there should be no obstacle of an insuperable character in the way."

TAMPERING WITH A LOCOMOTIVE.

OBSTRUCTION IN THE BRAKE VALVE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

An obstruction has been found by railway employees in the driver's brake valve of a locomotive which had been sent to sheds for ordinary overhaul. The air through this valve governs the brake, and had the obstruction been complete it would have prevented the application of the brake. In the circumstances it is apparent that it was put there deliberately, and detectives are making inquiries. It is noteworthy that this locomotive was the one used on the night of the Braybrook disaster to draw in the Bendigo train after the collision.

PRODUCING PIG IRON.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

An experiment was carried out on Tuesday by Mr. W. C. Wall, to test the practicability of producing metallic iron from local iron ore. An open draught furnace was used, and the result was a pronounced success, the iron produced being of high quality. Mr. Wall intends to smelt a ton of pig iron for exhibition at the Mudgee show next month.

ITALIAN DISASTER.

CITIZENS' RELIEF FUND.

The following subscriptions have been received to date:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	2572	5	0
K.B. and E.J.	2	2	0
Newtown Methodist Church	2	19	1
Lismore Methodist Church	3	4	0
Lagoon-street Methodist Church	1	2	6
Ballina Methodist Church	0	7	6
Newryber Methodist Church	2	5	0
Alstonville Methodist Church	0	17	0
Teven Methodist Church	0	11	0
Nowra Methodist Church (additional)	0	5	0
Hamilton and Wickham Methodist Churches	3	2	3
Hughes' Hill Methodist Church	1	1	3
Mr. Frederick Allmann	1	1	0
St. Aidan's Church, Holdsworthy	0	10	0
St. Simon and St. Jude's Church of England, Bowral	1	16	0
"Emuda," Stanmore	0	5	0
The Bodalla Company	10	0	0
Stanmore Methodist Church Circuit	9	0	0
Young Harden Methodist Church	3	16	0
West Maitland Methodist Church	5	0	0
Mrs. Dora Marks	1	1	0
Glebe Branch, Sydney City Mission	1	10	0
Mr. Edward F. Pittman	1	1	0
Mr. R. B. Cambage	1	1	0
Mr. F. G. Munro	1	1	0
Donation per Rev. Canon A. D. Faunce	0	5	0
Lewisham Methodist Church	2	4	0
Summer Hill Methodist Church	2	11	6
Dulwich Hill Methodist Church	2	17	9
Canterbury Methodist Church	0	13	0
St. Mary's Church of England, Waverley	1	0	0
	£2787	13	7

"S.M. HERALD" LIST.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	153	5	3
Sixteen	0	10	0

THE BARRIER.

PROCEEDINGS IN ARBITRATION COURT.

COST OF LIVING.

HOUSE RENT RISING.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The Arbitration Court is still, like Mahomet's coffin, suspended between earth and sky, and the President is still awaiting an answer to his query that will give it some definite status. When the tribunal met this morning Mr. Kelynack, for the Proprietary Company, intimated that the directors would meet in Melbourne to-morrow, and that by the afternoon he should be able to tell the Court whether or not the company would act upon any award that might be given. No further question was asked counsel for the claimant union, so it is evident that the company is to be the first to lay its cards upon the table, as it were. However, the A.M.A. took his Honor's question into serious consideration last night and again this morning, and it is understood that when the time comes for an answer to be given on behalf of the claimants they will undertake to abide by the award. As far as can be gathered, this decision was not arrived at without a great deal of argument pro and con, and if report speaks truly it was only the influence of the delegates from the combined unions at this morning's meeting of the A.M.A. that decided the matter. Even presuming that the Proprietary Co. elect to accept the award—and it must be admitted that local opinion regards its unreserved acceptance as improbable—the fact that there was such a serious division in the ranks of the A.M.A. is looked upon as an indication of inevitable trouble in the ultimate; but that, of course, is in the lap of the gods. In the meantime if the necessary assurances are given, the Court as a Court will be able to go on with its investigation unhampered, and in anticipation of them being given an excellent start has already been made, for quite a formidable amount of evidence was disposed of to-day.

QUESTION OF LIVING WAGE.

HIS HONOR ASKS QUESTIONS.

DIFFICULTY OF THE SITUATION.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

When the Court met to-day the President asked Mr. Kelynack, who appeared for the respondent company, what his answer was to his Honor's request of yesterday for an undertaking to act upon any award that might be given.

Mr. Kelynack intimated that they had not received replies from the directors, to whom they had submitted the question. The matter had been considered carefully, but there was no one with sufficient authority in Broken Hill to give an answer. The directors would possibly want to confer before they decided the question.

The President: I have been thinking over something you indicated yesterday—that no matter what happens the living wage must be paid. It would clear matters if we could feel that we are to inquire into what is a living wage in Broken Hill; and that as long as I settled that the directors would resume operations if they were not compelled to pay more.

Mr. Kelynack: That is a very difficult matter, and I have no power to express a definite opinion. We are desirous of continuing operations, and we are not desirous of paying less than a living wage. A compromise will be found necessary, and I think the compromise will have to come from the higher-paid men.

The President: I think you are on the right track, and if you can get an offer from your company it will facilitate matters considerably. How long do you expect it will be before your directors will reply to your wires?

Mr. Kelynack: They will probably not answer till they have met. But there is a meeting to-morrow, and a reply is expected. Continuing, Mr. Kelynack said that as far as certain works were concerned he believed the company would go on, though he could give no undertaking himself.

The President: No matter what the scale of wages?

Mr. Kelynack: Exactly.

The President said that if both sides unreservedly agreed to place the matter in his hands he would feel justified in asking his colleagues to allow him to give up certain engagements in order that the whole question might be finally settled.

Mr. Kelynack: If we gave an undertaking, I take it we would be giving it for the whole term of the award.

The President: I would listen to any reasonable representations.

Mr. Kelynack: However justified we may be legally in entering into it, there is a question how far we are morally justified in entering into such a serious undertaking, involving a million pounds a year. At the same time, as far as the other side is concerned, the executive of the unions have no control over individual members. They can individually give notice and leave. We cannot give notice and leave. The executive may give the undertaking in all bona-fides.

The President: My experience has been in regard to a strong union like this that if it says it will work upon a given scale you may accept it.

Mr. Kelynack: Perhaps it would be as well not to discuss this question further at the present juncture.

The President: I will have no hesitation in accepting the undertaking of the union if it gives it.

The hearing of evidence was then resumed.

E. H. Fromen, wholesale produce merchant, continuing his evidence of yesterday, said the general increase in the price of fruit and vegetables since 1904 was 15 per cent. and over.

To Mr. Kelynack: He chose 1904 as the year to draw a comparison, because in that year the New South Wales Arbitration Court declared an award based upon 7s 6d per day.

Mr. W. F. Dickson, house and land agent, who had carried on business since 1903, said he had been agent for 250 to 350 houses during those six years. The investor looked for 14 to 16 per cent. net profit on a five to seven years' purchase basis. From July, 1903, and November, 1906, there had been an average rise of 40 per cent. From November, 1906, to November, 1907, there was a further rise of 12 to 15 per cent., while to November, 1908, they had dropped to the rate for November, 1906. He quoted the following house rents from his rent book for November, 1908: —Single-roomed house, 3s; two-roomed, without verandah, 6s 6d; three-roomed, without verandah, 7s; three-roomed, with verandah, 8s 6d; poorer class of four-roomed, 8s 6d; little better four-roomed, 11s; five-roomed, 14s; better five-roomed, 18s 6d. Out of 152 dwellings on his books that month, the water was laid on in only 47 cases, and in 25 of these the landlords paid for it. The landlord paid the general rate, but the sanitary rate of 2s 6d per month had to be paid by the tenant. For 78 dwellings of wood and iron in July, 1903, the aggregate rent was £21 18s. These included 14 of single rooms. In November, 1906, the total was £30 19s 6d; in November, 1907, it was £35 4s, and November, 1908, it was £30 6s 6d.

To Mr. Kelynack: Witness was unable to make a comparison between Broken Hill and other mining towns. It was not a fact that rents went up in Broken Hill because wages went up. In the previous history of the city, the miners had to pay higher rent out of lower wages. The influx of men had been responsible for the increased rents.

To Mr. Arthur: The mining industry was so varied in Broken Hill that the average capitalist would not build until he saw a speedy return for his outlay. The new White Leads Company was at present only sinking the main shaft. The men were working six-hour shifts, and making 12s to 13s per shift. Single men left the Hill quickest in times of depression.

C. T. Hyde, wood and coal merchant, said he also sold chaff and water. In 1904 the following prices ruled for wood:—Long wood, 1s 6d per cwt and 23s per ton; ordinary wood, about 14 inches, 1s 9d per cwt and 27s per ton; stove wood, 8 inches, 1s 9d per cwt and 29s per ton. In 1908 the prices were:—Long wood, 2s per cwt and 27s per ton; ordinary, 2s 3d per cwt and 31s per ton; stove, 2s 6d per cwt and 33s per ton. The prices of coal in 1904 were:—Per bag of about 2cwt, 5s 6d; per quarter ton, 12s; per ton, 43s. In 1908 the prices were: Per bag, 6s 3d; quarter ton, 13s 3d; per ton, 46s. The price of water in 1904 was 1s 6d per 100 gallons and 2s 6d per 200 gallons, and the figures for 1908 were the same. Chaff sold in Adelaide from 52s 6d to 55s, while at Broken Hill it was about 80s. Bran in Adelaide was 1s 0½d, and in Broken Hill about 1s 3d. The increase in the price of wood was about 4s per ton, or about 16 per cent. The increase in the price of wood was due to scarcity, and to it having to be carried a further distance. He supplied the wood carters with chaff and bran.

The President: Have you any forests here?—No. Wood is brought from 16 or 17 miles over the South Australian border.

To Mr. Kelynack: There were about 30 woodyards in Broken Hill. The small buyer was now charged relatively more than in 1904. The wood merchants decided that the profit on the small lots was not large enough. Prices were never raised without a full meeting of wood merchants.

Mr. Kelynack: Why has the advance in price

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been always greatest on the small buyer?—Because the profit on small lots was not sufficient.

Mr. Arthur: Why not make these people parties to the case?

Mr. Kelynack: They are. Though they are not cited, they are as much interested in the case as we are.

The President: I agree the whole of the public of Broken Hill is interested, and that is the view I am taking.

Witness: I may say that there is more risk with the small buyers than with the large ones. Many of the small buyers do not pay for their wood.

The President: Then you rob Peter to pay Paul.

Mrs. Marcella Mann, wife of a surface labourer, earning 8s 7½d per shift, said she had six children, ranging from 16 years to 2 years. The cost of necessaries of life had increased greatly during the past two years. Witness had been compelled to contribute maintenance to the home by nursing. Witness lived in a four-roomed wood and iron house, for which she paid 8s 6d a week, and used 100 gallons of water per week. She bought it at the rate of 2s 6d for 200 gallons, and paid a sanitary rate of 2s 3d per month. They consumed about 2cwt. of wood per week. This cost 3s 6d. Bread was 4d per 2lb loaf, and it cost them 5s a week. Meat cost them 8s; groceries ran into about 17s 9d per week. Greengroceries into about 4s 6d per week. Witness had been paying cash for everything. She estimated the cost of boots and clothing for herself and children averaged 7s 6d per week. Witness made her boys suits. Her husband had only had one new suit during the past three or four years. Her husband contributed 1s 6d per week to a lodge. He got £1 a week from the lodge in case of sickness. The union contribution was 9d per week. Three of her children went to school. Their school requisites came to about 6d per week. Added to these expenses there were home medicines, which the lodge did not provide for. The whole of the expenses she indicated amounted to £2 18s 9d per week. This meant a shortage of 7s 3d on her husband's wages. And it was in consequence of this that witness had to go nursing.

The President: Have you a girl to help you, a servant girl?—Oh, no! (Laughter.)

Witness said that when they were living in Hallett, South Australia, they lived on 25s to 30s per week. They only had two children then.

To Mr. Kelynack: Witness' eldest daughter, aged 16, had one situation at 8s per week. It only lasted a month or six weeks. Her daughter had to remain at home while witness went out nursing. Her boy of 14 sold "Truth" newspapers during the lockout up till that morning. The boy earned from 1s 6d to 2s per day.

The President: But this has nothing to do with the question of a living wage? What does it matter what the boy earns?

Mr. Kelynack: It means there is less demand on the father's resources, and shows his position in regard to a living wage.

The President: That is an extraordinary attitude to adopt.

Mr. Kelynack: Supposing a man had six children, all earning something. Is he to say he has to keep his children in reckoning his living wage?

The President: I prefer to take an average case. Surely the company will not say that because a child is earning something the miner is to be paid less?

To Witness: Is your husband a teetotaller?—Yes.

Does he hand you his wages?—yes.

Does he keep something back?—No.

Mr. Arthur: Is tobacco included in the groceries item you mention?—Yes.

The President: How much do you pay for tobacco?—1s 3d per week.

Louisa Giles, wife of a miner lately employed on the Proprietary, said her husband had been out of work for six weeks. Witness had five children, ranging from 15 years to five. Her husband averaged 10s per shift on wages, and 12s 6d per shift on contract. One of her boys worked 12 months as attendant at the Democratic Club. He used to give her £1 a week. He lost his situation three months ago. Witness's weekly expenses were: Groceries £1 2s 3½d, butcher 10s, baker 7s 6d, fruit 1s, vegetables 2s, water 2s, wood 3s, lodge 1s 9d, A.M.A. contribution 9d, "Barrier Truth" 6d, Clarion 2d, school material 1s, drapery and boots 6s, instalment on house purchase 12s 6d, miners' accident relief fund 4½d, hospital 1s 0½d, rates 6d, insurance on house 5d. The total came to £3 11s 4½d.

The President: Does your husband smoke or drink?—No.

Does your drapery item include husband's suits?—No. But he has not had a new tailor suit for two or three years.

Does it include his working clothes?—Yes. They only last three or four months.

To Mr. Kelynack: Since losing his last position her eldest boy had tried to get work but failed. They had been paying instalments on the purchase of a house for three years. They expected to complete the purchase in one year from now. Witness used 400 gallons of water per week. She hosed a little garden occasionally. She gave 4d a loaf for bread, and she did not know she could get it for 3d, as she had always dealt from one baker.

Gerald M'Bride, manager for Wilkinson and Co., Limited, wholesale merchants of Adelaide and Broken Hill, said he had compared Adelaide and Broken Hill prices for miners' necessities of life for 1908, and found there was an increase of 10.67 per cent. Prices had increased 13.17 per cent. in Broken Hill from 1904 to 1908. These figures were based on a big trade, as his firm was one of the largest in Broken Hill.

To Mr. Kelynack: The carriage of flour from Adelaide to Broken Hill was about £1 per ton. The increased price he had given had taken this and cartage at this end into account. The Broken Hill retailers added about 18 per cent. to wholesale prices.

Jonathan Bowering, house and land agent, gave house rents as follow:—Two rooms, 5s, three rooms, 6s 6d to 8s; four-roomed, 10s to 12s 6d, five-roomed, 12s 6d to 15s, six rooms, £1. An owner required 15 to 20 per cent. gross and 12 to 14 per cent. net on these houses on five to eight years' purchase basis. No one would invest in houses in Broken Hill unless he could see his money back in eight years. In Adelaide investors were content if they made 8 to 10 per cent. gross, and houses of similar size were worth about double in Adelaide to what they were in Broken Hill. The difference in the cost of living between Adelaide and Broken Hill was most noticeable. In fruit and vegetables the price was more than double. Meat was more than 50 per cent. dearer in Broken Hill.

To Mr. Kelynack: Witness did not maintain a home in Broken Hill. He lived in Adelaide, and spent three days per week in Broken Hill. When here he stayed with his son, but he knew the prices of household commodities because he frequently bought things for his son. He had bought mutton in Adelaide for 2d per lb; the same mutton would cost 5d here. A man investing in house property should get his money back on all occasions, even on a mining field, where he took the risk of the field not being permanent. Similarly a man should get his money back as well as interest when he bought mining shares. He admitted that landlords should accept lower rents in times of depression.

The President: But he gets his living wage all the time.

Witness: Not at the present time, your Honor. (Laughter.)

Bernard Anderson, a miner, last year employed on the Proprietary mine, said he was married, and had four children, from 8 years to 6 months old. When working on contract he earned 10s, 12s, 15s, to 17s per shift. Before Christmas he was working at the Pinnacles mine, and was paid on wages 12s per shift. He had worked for wages on the Proprietary, and there was no difference made there in the hours or pay for working in wet ground. On wages he was paid 9s per shift on the Proprietary before 1906, and since then 10s. His work had not been continuous of late, owing to the bad price of contracts on the Proprietary. Men had to take a fortnight off if they pulled out before the end of a contract. Witness had suffered several times from lead poisoning and gases.

To the President: He was last leaded in Block 10 eight or nine years ago. There were not so many cases of leading since the smelters had been removed, but he knew of quite a number. He got no allowance from the company when leaded, and lost wages when in the hospital.

Continuing, the witness said he sometimes lost a shift at night time. This was more often in summer owing to loss of sleep. The men called the night shift in summer "Curse of God Shift." If a miner did not turn up to work on Saturday or Sunday he got the sack. He would not get the sack if he did not turn up on other days. Compared with other places, working in the Broken Hill mines was a little hell. This was owing to the hot stopes. Witness once lost eight months through an accident to his leg in the mine. He got nothing from the company, but from the miners' relief fund he got 15s per week. He also received £1 per week from the union and £1 per week from the lodge. The open stopes in Broken Hill were the most dangerous places to work he had ever seen. He had been at Mount Lyell, Wyalong, and Gundagai. At Wyalong he got 8s 4d stoping and 9s sinking for eight-hour shifts. At Mount Lyell he received 10s and 11s wages; he also made as much as £8 to £17 per fortnight at contract work there. These good figures were due to striking good ground. While working at driving in sewers, in Sydney, witness had made 13s 2d per shift. That was on wages with a bonus. Witness had not earned an average of 12s per day for the last 12 months. Witness's fortnightly living expenses were as follows:—Butcher, £1 2s; grocer, £2 4s 4d; baker, 7s; wood, 7s 9d; water, 5s; greengrocer, 10s; rates, 1s 9d; lodge and union, 5s 3d; fire insurance, 1s; boots and clothes, £1 10s; milk, 5s 6d; life assurance, 5s 6d; miners' accident relief fund, 1s; check weighman, 3s. These totalled £7 10s, or £3 15s per week. As against this he earned less than £3 12s per week, and in consequence he was at present over £30 in debt.

The President: And now you are out of work, how do you live?

Witness: Coupons, your Honor.

The President: Coupons! They are not very digestive.

Witness: Picketing, your Honor.

The President: Oh, I see. (Laughter.)

To Mr. Kelynack: His house was his own. He managed to do that because he had £140 saved before he got married. He had averaged less than 11s per shift during the year.

Henry Moffatt Harvey, a miner, who came to Broken Hill 12 months ago, was working at present at the Central mine. He had been working on the Proprietary, and was paid 10s a shift for working the rock drill machine. He had suffered from leading in the latter part of 1907. He was ill 10 weeks; then he worked a fortnight, and was ill again for eight weeks. He still felt the effects in his limbs and wind. Sometimes he could not write his name or hold a cup of tea. He now earned 10s 7d a day, but he had lost time through sickness, holidays, and a creep in the mine. If a man lost a shift he was not "fired," but if he lost two shifts he would have to send a doctor's certificate. The miner's work was far better in Western Australia than in Broken Hill. It was less dangerous, the stopes were smaller, and there was more ventilation. Witness thought there was more miners' phthisis here than in the Boulder. Witness earned £4 per week in the Boulder, and his household expenses and necessaries of life meant a total expenditure of £2 14s 6d. He was married in Boulder. The cost of living in Broken Hill worked out to £2 15s 5d. This was for himself, wife, and two children.

To Mr. Kelynack: Although witness was getting over £4 a week in Western Australia, he returned to Broken Hill, because his relations and friends were here. Before the Court adjourned, the President asked Mr. Arthur, counsel for claimants, how many more witnesses he had.

Mr. Arthur said they were making a strong point of the cost of living, and six or seven witnesses would be called on that phase. After that they would have to call separate witnesses to go through every grade of labour on the mine.

The President: When will you have the amended plaint?

Mr. Arthur: I hope to-morrow.

The President: I hope you will let me have it as early as possible, because it is most unsatisfactory to proceed as we are without it. His Honor then remarked that they made good progress that day, and he was hopeful of being able to keep his appointment in Melbourne on the 15th.

Mr. Kelynack said he hoped to see the case finished next week, as far as Broken Hill was concerned.

Mr. Arthur: You should go to Port Pirie, your Honor. There is a different class of work there, and your Honor should see it for yourself.

The President said it might be possible to finish Broken Hill early, and take evidence at Port Pirie on the way back.

Subsequently, the President said to Mr. Kelynack, "I take it you don't dispute my jurisdiction, Mr. Kelynack. If you know of any point that you might take, it is only fair to the Court that you should indicate it. Supposing I have to decide against the company, it would be awkward if you then say the whole thing is ultra vires, and I have no jurisdiction."

Mr. Kelynack: There is no intention on the part of the company to do that. We have told the employees we don't wish to take any points.

The President: Well, you can think it over and let me know.

The Court adjourned till the following day.

THEIR OWN PETARD.

NEWSBOYS BOYCOTT UNIONIST ORGAN.

The unions have been hoist with their own petard with a vengeance. The campaign of boycott against the Barrier "Miner," which culminated in the strike of the newsboys recently reported, was never looked to by the unionists to work against themselves, but the boys having secured better terms from the "Miner," forthwith demanded similar terms from "Truth," the official organ of the unionists, and a crisis was reached this morning when the boys refused to sell the paper because their demands had not been complied with. Nearly all the boys are the sons of unionists, and it was thought the difficulty could be easily smoothed over, but the lads remained obdurate. They picketed the office in the style approved by their fathers, and, as in the case of the "Miner," promised an uncomfortable time for anyone bringing a copy out of the office. The point that is sending Broken Hill into convulsions of laughter is this, that whereas "Truth" for some weeks past has been daily heaping the most violent insult and abuse upon the constabulary, this morning, when the boys became violent in their demonstrations, it telephoned in hot haste to the station with an urgent request that the police should be sent round to protect the office. Three constables were promptly despatched to the scene of action, and the youthful demonstrators were kept within bounds, but no papers were sold in the streets to-day, and the strike is still on, the boys declaring that it must continue till "Truth" falls in line with the other paper in the matter of terms. "Truth" people have announced that they have decided not to employ street sellers any more," though it is understood the boys could get their papers at the old rate to-morrow if they cared to cry the strike off. The whole thing, trivial as it might seem on the face of it, is an illuminating commentary upon the methods of unionists, who have as their first article of faith that no person must accept lower wages than any other person engaged in similar work. The question that is exercising not a few people in Broken Hill at the moment is, if this sort of thing happens in regard to a socialistically-owned newspaper, what might be expected to happen in regard to any bigger industry when it passes under socialistic control?

THE MAYOR'S ATTITUDE.

FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The Mayor of Broken Hill has despatched the following letter in reply to that of the Premier, dated January 30:—"Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your further correspondence re my action in connection with the resolution recently passed at a public meeting held in the Town Hall condemning the actions of the police in connection with the arrest of certain persons on January 9, and in reply I beg to state that I fail to see in what way I have made a mistake in being a party to the resolutions. I was not present at the time of the disturbance, but I was on the scene shortly afterwards, and there is abundance of evidence to prove that a trap was set for the procession, or some of them, in an announcement being made by policemen to that effect one day previous and repeated from a platform. I also know positively that business men closed their premises and posted themselves on the balconies of premises adjoining the scene of arrests in order to witness the proceedings. No evidence has been forthcoming to the effect that the action of processionists prior to the arrests being made or route taken was different on that day to any preceding day. Acts of violence and lawlessness are not nor have been countenanced by union officials or by myself, and I desire to see the town retain its reputation of being a very orderly one, and I assert that the unnecessary parading of police authority has been responsible for very many of the disturbances and very much of the ill-feeling prevailing. I admit that the matter of personal insults to myself by individual policemen is irrelevant to the point at issue, and I have no desire to side track the question; but it would be hard to make me believe that ample means of redress were open to me, though Mr. Wade may believe so, for it is generally admitted that a policeman's evidence is taken in preference to that of civilians, and recent experience appears to me to bear out that impression. I am, etc, J. H. IVEY."

LABOUR COUNCIL WAITING.

GRAVE DECISION DEFERRED.

ANOTHER DAY WILL DECIDE.

"It's too awful to contemplate what might happen," was a remark made by a member of the Sydney Labour Council at the conclusion of last night's proceedings at the Trades Hall, which took place behind closed doors.

The secretary, Mr. Cochran, when subsequently seen, would not indicate any serious complications. He stated officially that consideration had been given to the Broken Hill trouble. "We received," he said, "telegraphic information from the council's delegates, Messrs. Farrer and Hogan, foreshadowing certain contingencies. It all depends upon the replies to be given by the Proprietary Company and the combined unions whether or not they will accept whatever decision might be given by Mr. Justice Higgins in the arbitration proceedings. The council has deferred its decision pending these replies. But the council is prepared to advise when necessity arises. Another day ought to decide something."

TO CHEER THE PRISONERS.

A further demonstration of a novel nature took place yesterday, but the object of it is a secret confined to the participators. At about 2 o'clock a procession, consisting of about 2000 men and 150 women, headed by a strong brass band, marched from the Trades Hall along Argent-street, and up to and around the Broken Hill gaol. A red flag was carried in the women's part of the procession. The demonstration was quiet as the procession passed around the gaol, professedly to cheer up the incarcerated men. The band played several cheery tunes. Nothing else was done, but as the procession passed the court-house, returning to the Trades Hall, the women hooted and boohooed the police standing by. A force of police was on duty about the gaol to preserve order, but there was no breach of the regulations.

ASSISTANCE FROM WOMEN.

QUEENSTOWN, Wednesday.

A meeting of women was held at the A.M.A. office yesterday afternoon, at which Mr. Ben Watkin, M.H.A., for Queenstown, was present, to consider the best means of assisting the wives and children of the Broken Hill miners affected by the labour trouble there. All present formed themselves into a committee, and decided to make a house-to-house canvass for subscriptions.

PROPRIETARY COMPANY'S ETHICS.

BLAYNEY, Thursday.

Messrs. Beeby and Carmichael, Ms.L.A., and Mr. Carr, M.P., in the Town Hall on Tuesday criticised the closer settlement policy of the Government, and referred in severe terms to the iniquity of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company. They considered that a reduction of 12½ per cent. was unjustifiable. Even if no dividends were paid the shares had been so profitable that a temporary cessation of dividends should not cause such hardship as to deprive the men of full wages.

AN UNFAVOURABLE SIGN.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

All the horses on Block 10 mine were on Wednesday entrained for South Australia. This is accepted as an indication that the manager of the mine does not see any immediate possibility of work being resumed on that property.

ASSISTANCE TO UNIONS.

LABOUR COUNCIL'S RECEIPTS.

Mr. J. P. Cochran, the secretary of the Sydney Labour Council, announced at last night's meeting that the council's receipts to date on behalf of Broken Hill miners had amounted to £812 13s 3d.

SADDLE AND HARNESS MAKERS.

At a meeting of the Saddle and Harness Makers' Union last evening it was arranged to strike a levy of a fixed sum weekly on each member, and to contribute besides a lump sum to the Barrier unions. Mr. D'Arcy, who presided, addressed the meeting, as did a delegate from Broken Hill.

BREWERY EMPLOYEES.

The brewery employees held a meeting at the Trades Hall on Wednesday evening. It was decided to strike a levy of 6d a week on every member toward the Broken Hill strike.

STEAM CRANE AND ENGINE DRIVERS' UNION.

The Steam Crane and Engine Drivers' Union agreed at a meeting held on Wednesday night to strike a levy of 1s a week on each member to help the strikers at Broken Hill.

AMALGAMATED ENGINEERS.

The Amalgamated Engineers, at their meeting, decided to send direct to those in charge of affairs at Broken Hill £500 for relief purposes.

WHARF LABOURERS.

The sum of £250 was voted at the last meeting of the Wharf Labourers for Broken Hill. Additional large sums will be contributed at short intervals.

LABOUR CONFERENCE.

SHIRES PLATFORM.

CONSTITUTION FOR WOMEN'S COMMITTEE.

The work of the Political Labour League Conference is almost at an end. In all probability to-night's sitting will be the last. Last night was marked by the presentation of the report of the shires' committee and the granting of a constitution to the Women's Central Organisation Committee.

A great many proposals were put forward by the shires' committee, which did not meet with the views of the delegates. It was carried, however, in accordance with the report of the committee—1. That elections to shire councils should be on the basis of adult suffrage; 2. that no land should be sold by the shire councils, and that the Local Government Act should be amended wherever necessary to prevent any such sales; and 3. that no new licenses should be granted to Asiatics, the prohibition, however, not to apply to the renewal of existing licenses.

The committee proposed among other things that an amendment of the Local Government Act should be made to provide for the "regulation and suppression" of houses of ill-fame, in place of "suppression"; that the shire councils should be empowered to build, own, and control railways and tramways, the construction of country railways to be decided by the vote of the country electors; and that councils should be empowered to offer prizes for the best method of eradicating prickly pear, star thistle, and other noxious weeds. These were rejected.

The objective and regulations were embraced in four paragraphs, which were adopted. They stated that leagues are to have in any local government area the work of formulating the programmes suitable for local requirements, such programmes to be in accord with the general principles of the P.L.L. and confirmed by the executive. The objective is to be the acquisition of the right to exercise any or all of the powers provided by section 109 of the Local Government Act, with amendments as suggested, the rules and regulations to be the same as those governing Parliamentary candidates.

THE WOMEN'S ORGANISATION.

Hitherto the women's central organisation committee has been working without any constitution, and proposals were submitted last night by the executive to provide that body with one, as it had been found necessary to proceed on definite lines. The proposals were agreed to, giving the following powers:—(a) Canvassing; (b) preparation and distribution of literature; (c) meetings in city or suburban seats for women; (d) arrange country tours by lady canvassers and organisers in conjunction with the P.L.L. executive; (e) to confer with all sitting members and candidates as to the most effective means of extending support; (f) to consider and advise upon all matters that may be referred to them by order of the P.L.L. executive; (g) to organise industrially all female workers.

FIRE RISKS IN HIGH BUILDINGS.

The following resolution, based on the report of the Parliamentary select committee, was carried.—"This conference views with alarm the dangers existing from the risk of fire in the large buildings, and, in the interests of humanity, not one moment should be lost in insisting upon effective means being adopted to protect human life."

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOLD.

PRODUCTION OF THE STATE.

PERTH, Thursday.

Official returns issued by the Mines Department show that the gold output for Western Australia for the last month, comprising the quantity exported from the State and that received at the Perth Mint, amounted to 132,286 fine oz. The quantities, exclusive of fractions, were as follow:—Exported, 343,327oz; received at Mint, 97,959oz. The value, calculated at £4 4s 11d per fine oz, was £561,918 17s 3d. The total yield last month was 6878 fine oz. less than for December, and 17,532 fine oz. less than for January, 1908. The output since 1886 totals 20,143,978 fine oz., valued at £85,604,106.

DENILIQUIN-MOAMA RAILWAY COMPANY.

DENILIQUIN, Wednesday.

The half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Deniliquin-Moama Railway Co. was held yesterday. Mr. J. Holborn, chairman of directors, presided. The directors' report showed that the balance to credit of revenue account was £40,720, out of which payment of a dividend of 5 per cent. was recommended. It was announced that it was intended to pay off £3500 debentures falling due on March 1. The revenue for the half-year amounted to £10,004, including goods £4233, live stock £2349, passengers £2537. The expenditure was £7804, including last dividend of £2500. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. Mr. Pratt, M.L.C., and Mr. S. G. Staughton were re-elected directors, Mr. John Kelly was re-elected auditor.

MILITARY.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

Brigade Major M'Glinn inspected the members of B Company of the 4th Australian Infantry Regiment in the Drill Hall to-night. There was a good muster of men, under Captain Robt. Scobie. The inspecting officer found the men well up in their duties.

SAYONARA CUP.

THE AMERICA CUP OF AUSTRALIA.

TO-DAY'S CONTEST.

In yachting circles here no race is comparable in importance to the contest for the Sayonara Cup, the first event of which takes place in Hobson's Bay to-day.

The history of this cup dates back to 1904, when that keen sportsman, Mr. Alfred Gollin, sailed his Fife-designed clipper yacht Sayonara round from Melbourne to race for a cup conjointly subscribed by members of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and the Prince Alfred Yacht Club. Success rewarded his efforts. He won two out of the three contests, all of which were sailed outside Sydney Heads. Mr. Herbert Binnie's Bona represented this State. Mr. Robb was the skipper of the winner, and he will again have charge of the defender; while Mr. Walter Reeks will handle the challenger.

The race is now popularly known as the America Cup of Australia, and it certainly has many points in common; but there is one where, fortunately for the sport here, the analogy does not hold good, and that is in the size of the competing vessels.

The cost of building and fitting out an American Cup challenger (and defender) is enormous. Added to this outlay, there is also the great cost of having these frail craft convoyed across the Atlantic. These vessels have developed into extremely light racing machines, just strong enough to withstand the strain of racing and no more. There is plenty of evidence of this in the many total collapses that have occurred. Hence it is that one must be almost a millionaire to be a successful challenger.

The yachts taking part in the race to-day are quite the antithesis of this, being sturdily built and thoroughly fit to take the sea, and make the passage from port to port without any pampering or convoying. The contrast in the matter of crews is equally striking. Here they are all practically amateurs; there, all professionals. It is easy to see why the great contest has been practically killed owing to the enormous expenditure involved; but here the contest can, at present, be carried on with, comparatively speaking, a small outlay.

A comparison of the general dimensions of the two yachts shows that the Thelma is longer on the waterline by some 3ft, but that Sayonara is about 1ft longer overall, which fairly well equalises them on this point. In the matter of draught the challenger is a few inches deeper. They are almost identical as to beam, and also in sail spread.

Taking a broad view of the yachts, and comparing them with the present-day craft, one can set them down as wholesome cruising yachts, but of exceptional speed for their class.

The question arises why was Thelma chosen in preference to a modern boat? One reason is that Sydney does not possess a modern boat big enough. In fact, there is not one equal in size to the Sayonara. Formerly, when the deed of gift of the Sayonara Cup was drawn up, the British Yacht Racing Association rules provided a scale of time allowances by which a larger yacht had to allow a smaller vessel a proportional time allowance, according to the difference in size, calculated on a scientific basis. Recently the new International rule has become law, and under this rule at the time of the challenge no time allowances were made, as the yachts were divided in classes in small gradations, obviating the necessity of time allowance. The Victorians took this stand, and when Mr. Saxton challenged with his champion yacht Awanui, they declined to give any time allowance, although the challenger was considerably the smaller.

Hence the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron cast around to see if there was not another yacht more nearly equal in size and one that would probably have a better chance "off the mark," that is without time allowance. Mr. C. Lloyd Jones' 15-tonner Thelma was given a few trial races, and in which she performed so creditably that she was nominated after the withdrawal of Awanui.

An unalterable condition is that the challenger must sail to the port of contest on her own bottom. This the Thelma has accomplished in a remarkably quick run to the southern capital.

Interstate racing dates back to 1882, when it was initiated by Dr. Milford. This keen sportsman sent his little 6-tonner round to Melbourne, where she was successful in her races. Rough weather was encountered on the trip, but the little mite came through safely.

In 1887 were the memorable races sailed off Sydney, between Mr. A. G. Milson's Waitangi, Sir W. J. Clarke's Janet, and Sir James Fairfax's Magic. The latter boat was most favoured, but the Waitangi, which had been specially altered under Mr. Reek's supervision, proved the victor.

In the following year the great intercolonial regatta was held in Port Phillip. Three yachts left here to take part—Mr. A. G. Milson's 40-tonner Era, Mr. Smairl's Volunteer of 32 tons, and Mr. "Jack" Want's 40-tonner Miranda. All these vessels were designed by Mr. Walter Reeks, the designer of the present challenger. On the sail round very rough weather was encountered. The Miranda returned to port, the other two continuing the journey. Era was successful in her mission, winning a prize of £400 and a handsome gold trophy. The next races were in 1904, as already stated. In 1907, Mr. C. Brockhoff sailed his 36-footer down to Port Phillip, and although he failed to lift the cup he was successful in winning the La Carabine Cup.

THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED.

PORT PHILLIP'S PECULIAR SEAS.

HOW THE THELMA IS SHAPING.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Since the arrival of her full racing crew in Melbourne on Monday last the Thelma has been undergoing a thorough course of preparation for the series of races which will decide whether or not the much coveted Sayonara Cup shall leave the clubhouse of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, and find a new resting-place in Sydney. She has been out every day up till to-day in full racing trim. The process of "tuning up" ended yesterday evening, and to-day the crew is resting from its labours. Nothing remains to be done to the yacht, and she now lies at Williamstown, ready to up sail and meet her opponent in this coming battle for interstate honours. She will be sailed by Mr. Walter Reeks, and worked by a crew of ten, including her owner, Mr. C. Lloyd Jones.

The trial trips have shown that the Sydney representative is not by any means disconcerted by the peculiar shaped seas of Port Phillip, and that she has plenty of power to meet them. The prevailing breeze is something from the south, or at all events with more south than anything else in it. It is generally fresh and cold, and unlike the north-easter of Sydney, it has little density in it. The sea gets up, comparatively speaking, in a short time after the breeze has made, and after a couple of hours of an average southerly blowing, as it does across the many miles of the big open bay a short, jumpy wave, high, but of small volume, is running with white crests towards the northern shore, beyond which lies the outline of the tall buildings of Melbourne. By the Gellibrand Light, which stands off the mouth of the Yarra, a particularly steep wave is found, which has a habit of jumping aboard when it is least expected. As a matter of fact, however, the peculiar wave of Port Phillip appears more formidable than it really is, although it is not without its unpleasant qualities in a very hard breeze. Comparatively speaking, it is a thin wedge of water, and has no great volume, and therefore no great weight. Consequently it does not stop to any great extent a vessel of the Thelma's size and power. It seems to devote itself to letting its top break over the bow, and shower the forward hands of the crew. These remarks, however, must be limited to average hard weather, because the face of Port Phillip is sometimes absolutely calm and unruffled. Sometimes, but not often, however, and sometimes there are seas to be met which would put even a good wholesome bow like the Thelma to a hard test.

All the necessary arrangements have been made by the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria for the conduct of the three heats. The Sydney yachtsman is ordinarily accustomed to having something in the way of landmarks to enable him to know his course, but in the straight out and back courses there is nothing for him to do but to sail away from the land 10 nautical miles out into the wide, open bay to the rounding mark, taking as his guide the breeze. If it is something from the north, he runs down the wind, and follows its course as nearly as possible. If it is something from the south, he beats down the bay in the wind's eye to his weather mark, and comes back with his boom well forward and his spinnaker set. The Sydney man's learning in the way of a good lead along a shore or under a point, or his intimate acquaintance with the peculiarities in the run of the ebb or the flood tide, do not constitute the kind of knowledge that is of any use to him in these waters. It is a straight-out plain beat to windward, with long tacks. Generally speaking, local knowledge is not the big factor it is in the racing of boats in Port Jackson, except perhaps in the matter of weight and power of the wind, which is apt to deceive the stranger looking out across the bay from Port Melbourne Pier, with those high, white-crested waves tumbling in towards the shore, and to mislead him into putting in a reef more than is necessary in his mainsail.

The starting and finishing line is between a flagstaff on the Gellibrand light and a staff in a mark-boat moored to the eastward, and that the first and the third beat, if such becomes necessary, will be from this starting line, thence 10 knots to a turning mark, and back again across the finishing line, the turning mark to be left on the starboard hand. The turning mark will, in accordance with the deed of gift which provides the general conditions of the contest, be 10 knots to windward or to leeward, according as the wind is from the south or north; but it is difficult to see how this condition can be carried out if the wind comes from the east or west. However, it would appear that an easterly or a westerly breeze is of very rare occurrence in this part of the world. The second heat is over a triangle of seven knots a side from the starting line as above laid down, thence round a mark off the eastern shore of the bay, thence round a mark off the western shore, and thence back across the finishing line, all turning marks to be left on the starboard hand. This course may be reversed in the case of a northerly wind, the competitors being so advised just before the start by a special flag hoisted by the Gellibrand light. Approximately this course should in all winds provide what is required by the deed of gift, namely, seven nautical miles of windward work, seven of leading, and seven of running.

SAYONARA AND SKIPPER.

BOTH MEET WITH ACCIDENTS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

During the last two days two misfortunes have befallen Sayonara. Yesterday morning, Mr. Robb, the skipper, was riding round from St. Kilda to Williamstown, on his motor cycle, when the machine became unmanageable, and Mr. Robb was thrown heavily on to the asphalted roadway. Beyond the loss of the back of his coat and a considerable quantity of skin off one arm, the Sayonara's skipper seems to be none the worse. While the Sayonara was being brought over from Williamstown to her moorings at St. Kilda to-day it was discovered that her bowsprit was sprung. The boat immediately put back for Williamstown, where it was decided that a sufficiently permanent repair could be effected for to-morrow's race by seizing the fore end of the bowsprit with wire. At the same time a new spar is being shaped.

CLAN RANALD DISASTER.

MARINE BOARD INQUIRY.

A FIRE BEFORE SAILING.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Marine Board inquiry was resumed this afternoon. The chief officer was recalled by the President, who elicited the information that while in Port Adelaide a fire occurred in the port bunkers among the coal. The outbreak was discovered at 5 o'clock one morning, and was extinguished at 9 a.m. the same day.

Through the medium of an interpreter, Abdul Tummy, a Manillaman, said that he was on watch with the third engineer at noon on Sunday last.

The President: Why did you leave the engine-room before your watch was up?

I was afraid to die. The ship was tumbling over. I did not want to die. I saw the third engineer making for the ladder. I went too.

The President: Was there any water in the engine-room?

No; not until some water and coal came tumbling down from above.

Warden Vasey: Did you notice the ship hit anything hard.

I didn't feel it.

Warden Berry: Did you telegraph anything just before leaving the room?

No; the third engineer and the men rushed immediately, and didn't attempt to shut off anything.

Thomas Fordyce, second engineer of the Clan Ranald, said he went off duty at 9.30 a.m., and was asleep when the vessel suddenly heeled over to starboard. None of the officers had explained to him the cause of the trouble. He observed no flashlights from the steamer Uganda, but saw her plainly, and fully expected her to come to their assistance.

Warden Berry: What was the general impression of the accident?

None of us could make head or tail of the matter.

Continuing, the witness said that the steamer went over suddenly at first, but righted herself a little after the coal on the top decks had been jerked into the sea. He thought it a feasible theory that as soon as the ship got a bit of a lift in the sea her angle of gravity was exceeded by the weight of the coal on the top, but he did not think there was sufficient sea on to cause the vessel to go beyond the angle of gravity. She had listed before at sea, but then had not got any coal on the fiddley or top deck.

The inquiry was adjourned until to-morrow.

MORE BODIES FOUND.

Two more bodies have been found, one of a European, and the other of a coloured man. The former is probably that of Mr. Stewart, the chief steward, as the initials "W.R.S." are stamped on his shirt.

COOLIES TO BE SENT TO COLOMBO.

CAPTAIN'S BODY RECOVERED.

The majority of the coolie survivors from the wreck of the Clan Ranald embarked on the steamer Riverina at Port Adelaide this afternoon for Melbourne, where they will join the steamer Clan McLachlan for conveyance to Colombo.

The body recovered at Port Moorowie on Wednesday afternoon has been identified as that of Captain Gladstone, master of the lost vessel.

BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

At a mass meeting in the Central Reserve this evening, presided over by the Mayor, resolutions were agreed to:—(1) Protesting against the dirty state of the catchment area of Stephen's Creek reservoir, and calling upon the company to take steps to cleanse it; (2) calling the attention of the Government to the serious condition of the water supply in Broken Hill, and the imminence of a water famine; and (3) appealing to the Government to obtain data with the object of introducing a provision for the carrying out of some scheme as shortly as possible after the meeting of Parliament.

CARDINAL MORAN AND THE EARTHQUAKE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I read in to-day's issue of the Melbourne "Argus" a correspondence from Sydney reporting Cardinal Moran's letter to the committee for the citizens' fund for the relief of the people in South Italy and Sicily. It pained me very much, and made me wish to see his Eminence's flock rather refrain from succouring the afflicted than doing it after such discrimination so reflective on the Italian Government, institutions, and national committees, which, in a democracy like Italy, are the people themselves. His Eminence's letter is a fabric of casuistry stretched on gratuitous and uncharitable suspicion. He also referred to the present conditions of Italy. What conditions? Does he think that that country, from the Alps to Sicily, is in a chaotic state? The Cardinal, among other things, seems to object to the fact that the American subscription to the fund, according to a cablegram received by the newspapers, will be devoted to erect tenements for the homeless. If that is so, I fail to see where the misapplication of funds comes in, for it should be evident that temporary shelter is now needed more than anything else. His Eminence is quite at liberty to exercise his specious prudence and forward his brethren's contribution to the ecclesiastic authority in the suffering districts; but it goes without saying that what he calls genuine charity is not the monopoly of any particular denomination or of any militant section of illuminati. In Italy we have the "Opere pie," which are the equivalent for benevolent institutions of all sorts, regulated by special legislation, and administered by representative boards, the members of which include persons remarked for probity independently of their political opinions or creed. Only two months ago the Treasurer in his budget speech stated that the income of the "Opere pie" at the close of the financial year amounted to 98,000,000 lire (£3,980,000), which represents a capital of £100,000,000. Surely a country that can administer such a concern ought to know something about distribution of relief. I am, etc,

M. BLUNNO.

Howlong, Feb. 2.

DOCTORS!

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Feb. 4.

Glitre, Norwegian sh, 1394 tons, Captain Gundersen, from Callao, for orders.

Coomonderry, s, 147 tons, Captain W. H. Green, returned to port. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Hastings, s, 193 tons, Captain Greer, from Port Macquarie. N. Cain's Coastal Co-operative S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Century, s, 4??? tons, Captain Robinson, from Newcastle, en route to San Francisco. Howard Smith Company, Ltd., agents.

Lord Derby, s, 3757 tons, Captain Hendricksen, from Valparaiso, via Wellington (for docking), en route to Newcastle. J. and A. Brown, agents.

Innamincka, s, 2?01 tons, Captain Mackenzie, from Cairns, via ports. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Hunter, s, 1840 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H.R.S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Cavanba, s, 3?? tons, Captain W. Anderson, from Byron Bay, via Coff's Harbour. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Kanowrie, s, 586 tons, Captain Bird, from Richmond River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Eden, s, 6?? tons, Captain Walker, from Eden and ports. Illawarra and S.C.S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Nerong, s, 219 tons, Captain Hine, from Nambucca River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Marloo, s, 3028 tons, Captain David Kerr, from Melbourne, with 52 passengers for Sydney, in addition to a number of through passengers for Queensland ports. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—Feb. 4.

Inani, s, for Liverpool, via ports.

Clan Maclachlan, s, for Calais, London, and Antwerp, via ports.

Pacifique, s, for New Hebrides, via Noumea.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Feb. 5.

Solingen, s, for Antwerp and Hamburg, via Townsville and Java ports; Makambo, s, for New Guinea and Solomon Islands; Woy Woy, s, for Gosford, Wyong, and Brisbane Water; Hawkesbury, s, for Hawkesbury River, Pittwater, and Newport; Narara, s, for Hawkesbury River; Durraby, s, for Tweed River; Peterborough, s, for Nowra and ports; Moruya, s, for Bateman's Bay and ports; Commonwealth, s, for Forster, Tuncurry, Coolongolook, Failford, Nabiac, and Krambach.

CLEARANCE.—Feb. 4.

Inca, five-masted sch, 992 tons, Captain Rasmussen, for Hawaiian Islands, via Newcastle.

ENTERED OUTWARD.—Feb. 4.

Commonwealth, s, for South Africa and London, via ports; Century, s, for San Francisco, via Apia; St. Rogatien, bq, for English Channel, for orders.

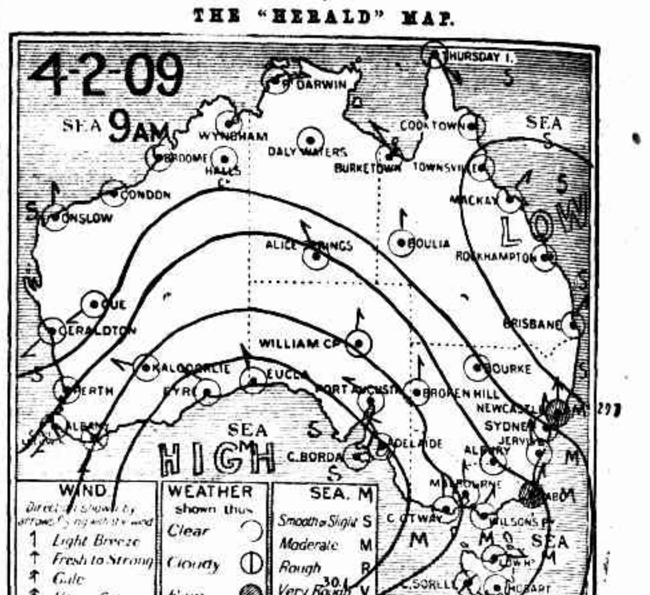
MILTIADES DUE TO-MORROW.

The Aberdeen liner Miltiades, from London and Plymouth, via Capetown, left Melbourne yesterday in continuation of her voyage to Sydney, and is due here to-morrow morning. The following is a list of her passengers:—

Miss Gertrude Bullmore, Mrs. John By. Chalmers, Mrs. Henry J. Carnegie-Williams, Mr. Frederick Elliott Jagoe, Mr. Stanley S. McDonough, Mr. David G. B. Malherbe, Mr. G. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Amos, Mr. W. Allan, Mr. G. Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brenchley, Miss M. Bristow, Miss K. Brightmore, Mr. A. E. Blanch, Mr. L. R. Barkway, Mr. A. Baker, Mr. J. Bourke, Mr. S. E. Biddle and son, Mr. A. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown and 4 children, Miss A. J. Bristow, Mr. E. Courtney, Miss E. Chapman, Miss M. Currie, Mr. D. Campbell, Mr. W. J. Campbell, Mr. A. Campbell, Mr. C. A. Childs, Mr. J. Connell, Mr. G. Davidson and son, Mr. A. Dugmore, Mr. A. Deaman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dunne, Mr. J. W. Dowe, Mr. M. H. Dixon and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. Duncan and son, Miss A. H. Dolton, Mr. J. T. Davies, Mr. W. R. Davis, Mr. W. T. Eddy, Mr. C. Ellis, Mr. H. J. England, Mr. F. H. England, Mr. J. Flanders, Mr. W. Feater, Miss E. Freeman, Mr. G. Foley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Feld and 4 children, Mr. H. D. Forster, Mr. R. Grant, Miss W. Gosling, Mr. A. Green, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Galgey and 4 children, Mr. A. Grove, Mr. F. Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gidney and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Huggett and daughter, Mr. J. S. Henderson, Mr. W. Hamilton, Mr. J. Harper, Mr. J. Harbroe, Mr. W. J. Holmes, Mr. D. Howie, Miss W. A. Hutchings, Mrs. C. Judge and 4 children, Miss A. Johnson, Miss A. W. Jones, Mr. L. W. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones and 4 children, Mr. E. Jones, Mr. J. T. Jenkins, Mr. R. Kinkley, Mr. A. Kernode, Miss E. M. Lowles, Mr. A. S. Lincoln, Mr. G. A. Lincoln, Miss M. Lindberg, Mr. and Mrs. T. Loan and 4 children, Mr. E. Luketon, Miss A. Lynch, Mrs. H. Llewellin, Miss M. Llewellin, Miss L. Llewellin, Mr. O. Lester, Mr. H. Law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lait and 5 children, Mr. M. M'Mahon, Mr. E. Mall, Mr. M. Meehan, Mrs. R. Mack and daughter, Miss A. E. Medlock, Mr. A. M'Caw, Mr. W. L. Mainwaring, Mr. M'Ateer, Mr. G. Mackenzie, Mr. D. C. Mitchell, Mrs. L. L. Mackie, Mr. M'Gilvernan, Mr. H. Mizonne, Mr. D. J. B. Marshall, Miss E. Nunn, Mr. J. Nye, Mr. H. W. Newman, Mr. W. O'Shea, Miss M. Oldham, Mr. H. Oldfield, Mr. J. Paul, Mr. S. Perry, Mr. W. E. Geel, Mr. W. Gencorros, Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips, Mr. G. Rogers, Mr. F. Robinson, Mr. E. J. Smith, Mr. W. C. Saddler, Mr. J. Sharp, Mrs. M. Sayer and 2 children, Mr. A. Spiller, Mr. A. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Smith, Mr. E. Collings, Mr. H. P. Shield, Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott and daughter, Mr. R. W. Saunders, Mr. T. Townsend, Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. E. Taylor, Mr. D. B. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Underdown, Mr. S. Woods, Mr. I. Waine, Mr. H. Walker, Miss A. Wyatt, Mr. H. H. Watts, Mr. C. R. Wilkie, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. J. Walker, Mr. J. Ward, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. I. Wooldridge, Mr. H. W. Valler, Mr. S. G. Armstrong, Mr. J. T. Bate, Mr. R. C. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cooke, Mr. W. Davey, Miss E. Goldsmith, Mr. G. D. Gemmell, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. D. R. Holt, Mrs. L. Lane, Mrs. M. M'Quay, Mr. A. T. Nancekivell, Mr. G. G. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gountrey and children, Mr. T. Rooney, Mr. S. B. Richards, Mr. C. Sykes, Mr. and Mrs. B. Shugel and 3 children, Miss E. M. Tolfrel, Mr. and Mrs. M. Tolsdorf, Mr. G. D. Watson, Mr. A. Weimann, Mr. G. Weller, Mrs. E. White and 2 children; in addition to passengers from interstate ports.

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



The low pressure on the Queensland coast has moved southwards, and is situated between our north coast and Norfolk Island. The anticyclone has advanced about 500 miles eastward; the central isobar now extends from Adelaide to Esperance.

Ocean Forecast.—Squally strong southerlies and rough seas along the New South Wales coast and eastward over the Tasman Sea, and southwards towards the strait.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Thursday.

Sydney rainfall, average annual for 50 years, 48.28 inches.

Average rainfall for 51 years, from January 1 to end of January, 341 points.

Total rainfall from January 1, 1909, to date, 509 points.

Total for corresponding period of 1908, 487 points.

Barometer.—At 9 a.m., 29.909; at 3 p.m., 29.862; at 9 p.m., 29.935.

Temperatures.—At 9 a.m., 69.1; at 3 p.m., 71.0; at 9 p.m., 65.0; maximum, 73.0.

Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 70; at 3 p.m., 69; at 9 p.m., 69.

Wind.—Greatest velocity, 45 miles, from south-south-west.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Byron Bay 289 points, Camden Haven 31, Cape Hawke 10, Casino 52, Clarence Heads 105, Gabo Island 4, Glen Innes 11, Gloucester 12, Grafton 46, Inverell 12, Kempsey 91, Lismore 99, Manning Heads 27, Mullumbimby 80, Nambucca 80, Port Macquarie 8, Seal Rocks 10, Tweed Heads 52, Woolgoolga 45.

Sydney, up to 9 p.m., 2 points.

RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Light to heavy rain on the coast north from Seal Rocks and at two places on northern highlands.

Victoria.—Light and scattered rain along coastline and in the Gippsland district.

South Australia.—Light and scattered rain recorded on ranges and in the extreme south and south-east.

Western Australia.—One point at Breaksea the only rain recorded.

Queensland.—Light to moderate rain with thunderstorms recorded on peninsula and north-east, and light to heavy in south-east.

Tasmania.—Moderate rain recorded in the west and south.

CONDITIONS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy along the seaboard and on parts of highlands, showery at and around Newcastle, clear elsewhere.

Victoria.—Fine and clear, with few scattered clouds in northern half; cloudy to overcast south of Dividing Range, with passing showers or misty rain at a few places along the coast.

South Australia.—Overcast in southern areas; fine, with scattered clouds, inland.

Western Australia.—Fine but cloudy generally.

Queensland.—Threatening in Torres Strait, scattered clouds on parts of north-east coast, otherwise fine and clear.

Tasmania.—Generally fine and clear to fine but cloudy.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29.72; Geraldton, 29.79; Esperance Bay, 30.01; Eucla, 30.11; Streaky Bay, 30.12; Adelaide, 30.12; Robe, 30.10; Portland, 30.07; Melbourne, 30.02; Wilson's Promontory, 29.95; Gabo Island, 29.90; Cape St. George, 29.81; Newcastle, 29.73; Port Macquarie, 29.62; Clarence Heads, 29.65; Brisbane, 29.63; Rockhampton, 29.60; Mackay, 29.67; Cooktown, 29.72.

TEMPERATURES.

Sydney (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.), maximum 73, minimum 62; Adelaide, 75, 48; Melbourne, 72, 58; Brisbane, 81, 67; Hobart, 70, 45.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on Thursday were as follow:—Albury, 9in, Balranald, below summer level; Bingara, 1; Boggabilla, 1in, f; Bourke, 4ft 10in, r; Brewarrina, 4ft 8in, f; Collarendabri, 1; Condobolin, 1ft 6in; Cowra, 3ft 9in; Deniliquin, 1in; Dubbo, 5ft; Euabalong, 6ft 7in; Euston, 4ft 3in; Goodooga, 1; Gundagai, 3ft 6in, f; Gunnedah, 1; Hay, 11in, below summer level; Hillston, 2ft, r; Louth, 6ft 8in, r; Manilla, 1; Menindie, 2ft; Moama, 6ft 7in; Mogil Mogil, 1; Moulamein, below summer level; Mungindi, 1ft 8in, s; Narrandera, 6ft 11in; Pooncarie, 5ft 7in; Tilpa, 2ft, r; Tocumwal, 6in; Wagga Wagga, 6ft 6in; Wentworth, 1ft; Wilcannia, 7ft 1in, r; Yetman, 1; Barwon River, at Walgett, 5ft, s; Namoi River, at Walgett, 3ft 9in, s.

Note.—R. rising; f. falling; s. stationary; l. low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 5 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S, fresh, fine, heavy break on bar; Byron Bay, SW, light, fine, sea moderate; Ballina, SE, fresh, cloudy, sea heavy; Clarence Heads, SSE, strong, fine, sea rough; Woolgoolga, SSE, fresh gale, fine, sea heavy; Bellinger, SE, strong, fine, sea rough; Nambucca Heads, S, strong, cloudy, sea rough; Port Macquarie, S, moderate gale, cloudy, sea rather rough; Manning Heads, S, strong, cloudy, high sea; Seal Rocks, SSW, fresh gale, squally, heavy sea; Newcastle, S, moderate gale, cloudy, sea moderate; Lake Macquarie Heads, S, strong, squalls of rain, heavy sea; Catherine Hill Bay, S, strong, squalls of rain, heavy sea; Barranjoey, SSE, moderate gale, squally misty, rough sea; South Head, S, strong, cloudy, sea rough; Ulladulla, SW, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, SW, strong, dull, sea moderate; Moruya, SW, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Eden, S, strong, cloudy, sea rough; Green Cape, S, strong, cloudy, sea rough; Gabo Island, SW, strong, squally, misty, sea rather rough.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Fresh to strong and squally southerly winds, scattered showers, and rough sea along the coast; fine and cool inland.

Western Australia.—Still fine and warm south of the tropic, with E winds; but change to unsettled, cloudy and cooler weather approaching the W and SW coasts.

South Australia.—Fine and pleasant, with cloudy skies at time in S areas; cool, S to SE winds.

Queensland.—Except some scattered showers and thunder on the NE coast and Peninsula, weather fine throughout, with S and SE winds, warm and sultry in the SE.

Victoria.—Fine and cool generally; cloudy at times in S areas, and showers in the E districts, with fresh, squally winds in E straits.

Tasmania.—Cool and cloudy, with scattered showers, and S winds.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR FEBRUARY 5.

Sun rises 5.10, sets 6.56. Moon, 7.21 p.m., 4.36 a.m.; Mercury, 6.27 a.m., 7.23 p.m.; Venus, 3.43 a.m., 5.52 p.m.; Mars, 12.55 a.m., 2.11 p.m.; Jupiter, 8.12 p.m., 7.08 a.m.; Saturn, 9.20 a.m., 9.36 p.m.

High water at Fort Denison, 8.39 a.m. and 8.44 p.m.

Full Moon, Feb. 5, at 6.25 p.m.; new moon, Feb. 20, at 8.57 p.m.

EVERTON GRANGE DUE TO-NIGHT.

The Federal-Houlder Shire liner Everton Grange, from Liverpool, via Adelaide and Melbourne, is due at Sydney to-night, and has the following passengers for this port:—

Fred. Gill, John Gill, Wm. Wood, Arthur Sutcliffe, Joseph Jennings, Thos. Agden, Tom Harland, Wm. S. Dracut, Robt. C. Knowles, W. Kiddy, Gerard D. Oldrim, Amelia Oldrim, Muriel Oldrim, Fredk. Oldrim, Dorothy Oldrim, Wm. M. Lee, Fred. Creswell, Beatrice Creswell, Alphonsus M'Donnell, John Grant, Miss Eliz. Cameron, Robert Black, Thos. Grooby, Mrs. Mary Lewis, Wm. Taylor, Matthew Chilton, Wm. Quine, Tom Hargreaves, Leonard Markham, Mrs. Markham, Ernest Markham, Tom Markham, Fred. Markham, Geo. Brindley, Charles Gill, Robert Chilton, Wm. Chivers, Fred. Longmuir, Pat. M'Culloch, John Gray, Geo. Morrison, Fred. Robinson, Jas. Best, Mrs. Sarah Best, Laura Best, Miss Mary Wilkinson, Wm. Hornibrook, Wm. Angus, Edward Hall, Mrs. Francis Markham, Walter Lockie, John M'Callum, Jas. Wilson, Mrs. S. Heslop, Selina Heslop, Jane Heslop, Joseph Scott, Marshall Lennox, John Howe, Jas. Meek, Mr. Geo. Gerrie, Miss Mary Wilson, Robert Wallace, Abraham Ward, Richard Holmes, Percy Westwood, Andrew Robertson, John Bolland, Andrew Rolland, John H. O'Brien, Mrs. H. O'Brien, John J. O'Brien, Henry J. O'Brien, Mrs. Maggie Montgomery, Edward Montgomery, Miss Isa Bartley, John Treas, James Graham, Martin M'Govern, Miss J. Prentice, Edward T. Hill, Mrs. Mary Hill, Frederick Eccles, William Gilmore, Gordon Gerrie, Mrs. Florrie Buddell, Ellen Biddell, Herbert N. Sedgwick, Arthur Derry, Muir Graham, John Mosley, Wm. Baird, Robt. Duncan, Wm. Smith, Lawrence Greathead, James Kinsella, John Shepherd, Septimus Turner, Wm. Kelman, Mrs. Margaret Bell, Martha Bell, Wm. Taylor, Mrs. Louise Taylor, Louise Taylor, Wm. Taylor, Marian Taylor, Alfred Darley, Alfred Radcliffe, Mrs. Fawcett, John Keeley, Chas. Lawton, John Ford, Thos. Lambe, Miss Mary Lambe, Edmund Capstick, Edward Rawson, Harry Green, David M'Kenzie, Roderick M'Kenzie, Fred. Renshaw, Andrew Gilmore, Mrs. Mary Blomberg, Peggy Blomberg, Mrs. Dracup, Annie Dracup, Doris Dracup, Mrs. Clara Gill, Hubert Gill, Stewart Gill, Annie Gill, Emily Gill, Maurice Gill, Doris Gill, Chas. Geo. Machin, Ricjard Cooper, Mrs. Lily Cooper, Roland Cooper, Harold Cooper, Donald Cooper, Sydney Caudell, Jas. Hodgson, Richard Ray, Robert Burnside, Harold Milburn, Dennis O'Flanagan, Wm. Frank Gelt, Fred. Johnson, William Plant, Mrs. Eliz. Doyle, Mrs. Martha Bardsley, Lucy Bardsley, George Bardsley, Francis Bardsley, Daniel Cruickshank, Wm. Sutherland, James Jones, Allan Wearing, Robert Wearing, Sam Jowett, John Morgan, James Baxter, Alfred Johnston, James Taylor, Wm. Mahony, Miss Margt. Howson, James Lewis, Wm. Snowden, Hubert M'Dowell, Miss Emily Lewis, Fred. Naylor, Miss A. Snowden, Joseph M'Dowan, Joshua Baylis, Edith van Heck, Molly van Heck, Jim van Heck, Robert Liver, Gilbert Graham, Walter Morrison, Mr. Thos. Cooper, Mrs. Cooper, Miss E. Cooper, Louie A. Waterfield, Thos. Spencer, John E. Marshall, Reginald Osborne, H. M'Laren, Charles Rolston, Thos. Crompton.

MAKAMBO FOR THE SOLOMONS TO-DAY.

The island steamer Makambo will be despatched by Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, from the Federal wharf at noon to-day for the Solomon Islands and Papua, via Brisbane. The following have booked passages by the vessel:—

Rev. J. Rooney, Captain Halcrow, Captain Hosen, Messrs. M'Kay, Herty, Brown, J. Arnott, H. L. Murray, Barne, W. Gibson, J. E. Williams, C. E. Howe, C. Howes, J. Jacobsen, Birley, and Tindale.

The 10 coloured members of the crew of the auxiliary schooner Eugenie, in addition to 28 returning kanakas from Queensland, will also travel by the Makambo.

APOLDA LEAVES SOUTH AFRICA.

A cable was received yesterday stating that the German-Australian Company's steamer Apolda left Algoa Bay on Tuesday, en route from Hamburg and Antwerp, bound to Sydney and Townsville, via Melbourne.

KUMBARA COMING TO SYDNEY.

The well-known island trading schooner Kumbara, belonging to Captain W. H. Pope, now cruising in the islands of the Solomon Group, will shortly pay another visit to Sydney for her periodical overhaul.

Captain Halcrow leaves Sydney by the steamer Makambo to-day for the Solomons to bring the Kumbara here.

THE EMPIRE DOCKS TO-DAY.

On her return to Sydney this afternoon from Melbourne the steamer Empire, of the E. and A.S.S. Company's fleet, will be floated into Woolwich Dock for cleaning. She signalled Wilson's Promontory at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and should therefore reach this port at about midday to-day.

She will sail from Sydney to-morrow week for Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, and Japan, via ports.

THE WILCANNIA LEAVES LONDON.

A private cable message was yesterday received by Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Limited, managing agents for Lund's Blue Anchor line, intimating that the steamer Wilcannia was despatched from London on Tuesday last for Sydney, via Capetown and ports. According to her time-table, she will be due at Capetown on Feb. 25, Adelaide March 17, Melbourne March 21, and at Sydney on March 25.

THE EASTERN LEAVES HONGKONG.

The managing agents for the E. and A. Company, Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., were yesterday advised by cable of the departure of the steamer Eastern from Hongkong on Wednesday last, in continuation of her voyage from Kobe, Japan, bound to Sydney, via Timor and the usual ports of call. She is due here on the 24th inst.

THE LORD DERBY DOCKED.

The steamer Lord Derby, a vessel of 3757 tons, from Valparaiso, via Wellington, N.Z., arrived off Sydney Heads at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, and was hove to until daylight, when she entered. The Lord Derby proceeded direct to Woolwich Dock for cleaning and painting.

She will be floated out again at 8 o'clock this morning, and will proceed at once to Newcastle, where she will load a full cargo of coal through the agency of Messrs. J. and A. Brown, for a foreign market, the name of which has not yet transpired.

THE PORT JACKSON SAILING TO-MORROW.

Messrs. Devitt and Moore's fine four-masted barque Port Jackson—a training ship for officers under Lord Brassey's scheme—is under orders to sail to-morrow on her return voyage to London. She has been in port at Sydney since Nov. 8, and is now berthed at Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay.

WHEAT SHIP GENERAL DE SONIS SAILING TO-DAY.

The French barque General de Sonis, which has shipped a full cargo of wheat at this port on behalf of James Bell and Co., is under orders to sail at 8 o'clock this morning for Falmouth, where definite instructions by cable will be awaiting her as to the destination of her cargo.

BARQUE HIPPOLAS REFLOATED.

News was telegraphed to Sydney yesterday that the barque Hippolas had floated off Huka Crossing (Clarence River) at 9 a.m. She is loaded with hardwood for New Zealand.

R.M.S. OROYA DUE TO-MORROW.

The Orient-Royal Mail Company's R.M.S. Oroya, from London, left Melbourne at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in continuation of her voyage to Sydney, and is due here at about 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. She will moor in Neutral Bay.

THE RHUDDLAN CASTLE ABANDONED.

News reached Sydney yesterday that the British ship Rhuddlan Castle, a well-known visitor to Australian ports, was abandoned in a dismasted condition on Nov. 24 in lat. 41 south, and long. 51 west. All hands were saved.

THE TURKISTAN SIGNALLED.

The steamer Turkistan, which sailed from Maryport on Dec. 5 for Rockhampton and Cairns, signalled Wilson's Promontory at 3.30 yesterday afternoon.

SUGAR COMPANY'S FIONA LAUNCHED.

By yesterday's English mail advices were received stating that the new steel screw passenger and cargo steamer Fiona, built for the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Ltd., was successfully launched on Dec. 23 from the Cleveland dockyards belonging to Sir Raylton Dixon and Co., Ltd.

The Fiona has been constructed with cantilever frames and topside water ballast tanks, for the carriage of molasses in bulk. She will meet with the requirements of class 100 A1 at Lloyd's, spar deck type, with long poop and forecastle, and engines aft, and will have a dead weight carrying capacity of about 7300 tons on a light draught of water.

A large steel house amidships will contain saloon and staterooms for six passengers. The vessel has four holds, access to which is obtained by four exceptionally large hatchways, the largest of which is 42ft long by 20ft wide. The holds are absolutely free from all obstructions such as beams, pillars, or webs, and are rendered perfectly self-trimming owing to the sloping sides of the topsides tanks.

She will carry the unusually large quantity of about 2300 tons of water ballast in double bottom, fore and aft peaks and topside tanks, of which the latter contains nearly 1100 tons. Part of these tanks is also arranged to carry 1000 tons of molasses, which, along with the holds, will be fitted up with a very elaborate pumping installation for loading and discharging.

Triple expansion engines placed aft will be fitted by the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Company, Ltd., Sunderland, having cylinders 26, 42, and 70 inches in diameter, by 48in stroke, supplied with steam by three large single-ended boilers, working at 180lb pressure.

On leaving the ways she was named Fiona by Mrs. Adams, daughter of Mr. E. W. Knox, the general manager of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Ltd.

NEW CHARTERS.

Messrs. Nelson and Robertson report the following fixtures:—

Prince Robert, 4-m bq, 2846 tons, from Newcastle (N.S.W.) to West Coast of South America.

Carnarvon Bay, sh, 1795 tons, from Melbourne (option Geelong) to United Kingdom or Continent (option Cape).

Garnet Hill, 4-m bq, 2149 tons, from Melbourne (option Geelong) to United Kingdom or Continent.

Queen of Scots, bq, 1296 tons, from South Australia to United Kingdom or Continent (option Cape).

THE BAR HARBOURS.

The following telegrams were received last night as to the conditions of the bar harbours:—Forster, bar 10ft at high water; Camden Haven Heads, 9ft on bar at high water; Ballina, 14ft on bar, 13ft on inside channel at high water.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

THURSDAY ISLAND (2000m).—Dep: Feb. 14, Nikko Maru, J.M.S., for Japan.

COOKTOWN (1550m).—Dep: Feb. 3, Moresby, s, for Papua.

POINT ARCHER.—Passed: Feb. 3, Taiyuan, s, bound Hongkong.

CAIRNS (1400m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Wyandra, s, from Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE (1370m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Yongala, s, from Cairns.

FLAT TOP ISLAND (1125m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Wollowra, s, Cooma, s, both from Sydney.

KEPPEL BAY (877m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Vine Branch, s, from Brisbane. Dep: Feb. 4, Waipara, s, for Brisbane.

MARYBOROUGH (680m).—Dep: Feb. 4, Tinana, s, for Brisbane.

BRISBANE (500m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Bingera, s, from Townsville; Airlie, s, Burwah, s, Arrawatta, s, all from Sydney; Wodonga, s, from Cooktown. Dep: Feb. 4, Airlie, s, for Singapore.

BYRON BAY (345m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Orara, s, at 5.30 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Feb. 4, Mokau, s, at 11 a.m., Duroby, s, at noon, both for the south.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331m).—Feb. 4, Brundah, s, barbound, 9.30 a.m. Passed: Feb. 4, Tintenbar, s, at 6.30 p.m., north; Mokau, s, at 2.30 p.m., a large steamer, with yellow funnel, at 5.5 p.m., both south.

CLARENCE HEADS (296m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Kallatina, s, at 5.40 a.m., from Sydney. Hippolas, bq, ready for sea. Passed: Feb. 4, Le Maire, s, at 2 p.m., Trifels, s, at 4.30 p.m., both north; Bombala, s, at 10.30 a.m., south.

WOOLGOOLGA (254m).—Passed: Feb. 4, Friendship, s, at 4 p.m., north.

BELLINGER (250m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Our Elsie, s, at 6 a.m., from Sydney; Myee, s, barbound.

MACLEAY RIVER (200m).—Feb. 4, Premier, ktch, Wave, ktch, Rozelle, ktch, Zelma, ktch, and Alpha, sch, anchored in bay, 2 p.m.

TACKING POINT (169m).—Passed: Feb. 4, a ktch, at 6.30 a.m., north.

CROWDY HEAD (147m).—Passed: Feb. 4, a large str with yellow funnel, black top, at 5.45 p.m., south.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Arr.: Feb. 4, Borrawong, s, at 6.30 a.m., from Sydney; Astral, s, weather bound.

CAPE HAWKE (123m).—Dep.: Feb. 4, Bellinger, s, at 7.45 a.m., for Sydney.

SEAL ROCKS (100m).—Feb. 4, Bellinger, s, passed south, at 12.30 p.m., and returned to bay at 12.30 p.m. Passed: Feb. 4, Coolon, s, at 1 p.m.; Eureka, s, at 4.12 p.m., Kadina, s, at 4.40 p.m., all north; Kyogle, s, at 5.20 a.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS (85m).—Feb. 4, Annie, s, anchored in bay at 8.40 a.m.; Dorabbah, ktch, and a str like Ulalla, entered at 10.30 a.m. Passed: Feb. 4, Macleay, s, at 10.20 a.m., south.

NEWCASTLE (62m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Sobane, s, Durkerbeld, s, James Tuft, Am. 4-masted bqtn, Lammeroo, s, Namoi, s, Helen Nicoll, s, Coolon, s, Galava, s, Alice, s, Period, s, Pendle Hill, bqtn, Commonwealth, s, Lubra, s, Morrey, s, Ariadne, ktch, all from Sydney; Baden Powell, s, from Port Stephens; Seestern, German bq, from Rio Janeiro. Dep: Feb. 4, Coolon, s, for Coff's Harbour, Eureka, s, for the north, Kadina, s, for Cairns; Bass Rock, bq, for Valparaiso, Brisbane, s, for Lyttelton, Galava, s, Helen Nicoll, s, Derwent, s, all for Sydney.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48m).—Dep: Feb. 4, Wallarah, s, at 8 a.m., Beulah, s, at 1 p.m., both for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY (19m).—Feb. 4, Ellenbie, s, arrived, and anchored at 7 p.m.; Paris, sch, returned to port at 4.30 p.m.

BELLAMBI (41m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Urilla, s, at 7.45 a.m., from Newcastle.

WOLLONGONG (44m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Kurrara, s, at 5 a.m., Hegra, s, at 6 p.m., both from Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74m).—Dep: Feb. 4, Peterborough, s, at 11.10 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (85m).—Passed: Feb. 4, Gaurus, s, at 9 a.m., a large steamer with black funnel at 2.45 p.m., both south.

ULLADULLA (106m).—Dep: Feb. 4, Moruya, s, at 9.10 a.m., for Sydney.

MORUYA HEADS (111m).—Passed: Feb. 4, a 2m steamer at 2.50 p.m., a 1m steamer at 5.50 p.m., a 2m steamer at 6.30 p.m., all south.

EDEN (220m).—Dep: Feb. 4, Hobart, s, at 7.15 p.m., for Melbourne; Wakatipu, s, at 9.40 p.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE (215m).—Passed: Feb. 4, a steamer at 1.15 a.m., a large steamer, distant, at 7.15 a.m., Runic, s, at 10.30 a.m., Westralia, s, at 4 p.m., Linda Fell, s, at 4.10 p.m., Myra Fell, s, at 5 p.m., Empire, s, at 6 p.m., Peregrine, s, at 6.20 p.m., all north.

GABO (238m).—Passed: Feb. 4, Paloona, s, at 11.50 a.m., south; Christian Michelsen, s, at 10.40 a.m.; Hobart, s, at 5.30 p.m., both west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (420m).—Passed inward: Feb. 4, Clan Macaulay, s, at 3.45 p.m. Passed outwards: Feb. 4, Empire, s, at 1.4 a.m., Peregrine, s, at 3 a.m., Everton Grange, s, at 8.55 a.m., Alabama, s, at 11.5 a.m., Turkestan, s, at 3.30 p.m.

MELBOURNE (576m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Junee, s, from Bunbury (W.A.); Toiya, s, from Stanley (Tas.); Wyreema, s, from Cooktown, via Sydney; Uganda, s, from Calcutta; Oonah, s, from Burnie; Tasmania, s, from Gothenburg. Dep: Feb. 4, Persic, s, for London; Miltiades, s, and Oroya, R.M.S., for Sydney.

DEVONPORT WEST (498m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Perth, s, at 7.45 a.m., from Melbourne.

LAUNCESTON (500m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Loongana, s, at 7.25 a.m., from Melbourne.

BURNIE (519m).—Dep: Feb. 4, Perth, s, at 5 a.m., for Sydney; Karitane, s, at 5 p.m., for Sydney, via Devonport.

HOBART (648m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Maheno, s, at 9.30 a.m., from Bluff, and dep. at 4.15 p.m., for Melbourne.

STRAHAN (686m).—Dep: Feb. 4, Wainui, s, at 4 a.m., for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1000m).—Arr: Feb. 3, Ashridge, s, from Bunbury; Ganymede, bq, from Port Esperance (Tas.); Riverina, s, from Fremantle. Feb. 4, Morea, R.M.S., from the eastern States, Gottingen, s, from Bremen; Invercargill, British bq, from Thames (England); Sydney, s, from Fremantle; Cumberland, sh, from Middlesborough, via Wallaroo; Kooringa, s, from Newcastle. Dep: Feb. 3, Dorset, s, for London; Lemuel, sch, for Launceston, via Edithburgh; Tropic, s, for the eastern States; Lady Mildred, s, for Sydney. Feb. 4, Morea, R.M.S., for London; Port Phillip, s, and Riverina, s, both for the eastern States.

WALLAROO.—Dep: Feb. 3, Vermont, s, for Las Palmas.

PORT AUGUSTA.—Arr: Feb. 3, Amiral Courbet, French bq, from Adelaide. Dep: Feb. 4, Pierre Loti, French bq, for the United Kingdom.

FREMANTLE (2466m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Arnell, s, at 10.40 a.m., Kanowna, s, at 12.15 p.m., both from the eastern States. Dep: Feb. 4, Yarra, F.M.S., for Marseilles.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND (1281m).—Arr: Feb. 4, Sal, German four-masted bq, at 8 p.m., from Antwerp.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.

Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 8 p.m.

Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.

Guaymas, via Newcastle.—Greenwich, 5 a.m.

Eden.—Eden, 9 a.m.

Macassar, Menado, Gorontolo, Banda Neira, Sourabaya, Tjilitjap, and Padang (direct).—Solingen, 10 a.m.

Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Serong, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY.

United Kingdom, for newspapers, to be forwarded wholly by sea and prepaid at the rate of 1d for 16oz, or fraction thereof.—Orient Royal Mail Packet Oriental, 9.30 a.m.

Macleay River, Port Macquarie, Byron Bay, and Coff's Harbour, via Newcastle.—Cavanba, noon.

Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Marama, 1 p.m.

Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro.—Marama and Papanui, 1 p.m.

Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Karuah, 1 p.m.

Shortland and Solomon Islands and British New Guinea ports, via Brisbane.—R.M.S. Makambo, 3.45 p.m.

Port Macquarie.—Wauchope, 4 p.m.

Richmond River.—Brundah, 7 p.m.

Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.

Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Oonah, 9.30 p.m.

"Why did you leave New York?" an alien was asked by the chairman of the London Immigration Board. "Because my wife was there," the man replied.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A large amount of business was carried through on 'Change yesterday. Bank of Australasia shares rose £2/10/. Bank of New South Wales 2/6, Port Jackson 1/, Goodlet and Smith /3, and Mont de Piete 1/, other sales being at practically unchanged rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Castlemaine Brewery and Wood Bros, 9/6; East Greta Coal, 29/3; A.J.S. Bank "B" deposits, 11/1½; Perpetual Trustee, 12/3; Union Steamship of New Zealand, 36/; Bank of New South Wales, £47/12/6; Australian Gaslight, £19/5/. Afternoon: Australian Gaslight, 4 per cent. debentures, 1922, £102; Perpetual Trustee, 12/3; Tooth and Co., 42/3; Colonial Sugar, £45; New South Wales Mont de Piete, 30/, cum div.; Port Jackson Steam, 38/; Bank of New South Wales, £47/12/6; Marcus Clark, pref., £11/1/3; Bank of Australasia, £112; Goodlet and Smith, 17/3.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. Per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	†Yield to investor.
STOCK.							
N.S.W. F.S. due 1912	..	..	3	84½	84	..	3⅝
Do., due 1912	..	..	3½	98½	98¼	99	3⅝
Do., due 1912	..	..	4	100¼	100¼	..	3⅞
Do., due 1915	..	..	4	99	99	..	3⅝
Do., due 1921	..	..	3½	90	96¼	99	3⅝
Do., due 1924-5	..	..	3	..	90	92	..
Do., due 1909	..	..	4	100	..	..	..
Do., Act 1873	..	..	4	100	108	110	3¼
Do., Deb., 1908	..	..	4	..	..	..	..
Ditto, T. Bills, 1909	..	..	3½	100	99½	..	3¼
Ditto	..	..	4	100¼	100	..	3¾
N.Z. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101	..	..	3⅞
Ditto, 1921	..	..	4	101	..	102	3⅞
Queens. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101½	..	..	3⅞
Do., Tr. Bills	..	..	4	101	100¼	..	3⅞
W.A. Inscr.	..	..	4	101	..	..	..
Ditto, 1902	..	..	3½	..	..	..	..
Australian Gas Deb., 1922	..	..	4	102	101	103	3⅞
City Syd. Deb.	..	..	4	102	101	..	3¾
Col. Sugar D., 1914	..	..	5	108	107	110	4¼
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	14	112	109½	112	5
City	10	8	3	62/6	60/	62/6	7⅞
Ditto (new)	10	8	3	50/	55/	60/	9¼
Com. of Syd.	25	12½	10	28	28	28¼	4⅜
Do. (new)	25	12½	10	27/3/9	..	..	4¾
Commercial of Australia	10/	10/	..	10/	..	..	..
Do., pref.	10	10	3	5/12/	..	..	5¼
N.S.W.	20	20	10	47/12/6	47¾	47¾	4¼
New Zealand	6⅔	3⅓	10	8½	8⅜	8¾	4
E. Queensland	7	2	5	36/3	36	..	4⅞
National of Australasia	8	5	5	98/	96/6	97/6	5¼
Ditto, pref.	10	10	5	11/4/	11¼	..	4½
Q'land National	5	3	..	22/6	..	20/	..
Royal of Q.	9	6	4½/9/6	4/17/	98/	..	5¼
Union	75	25	14	61¼	61½	..	5¼
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank—Class B**	..	..	3	11/1¼	11/	11/3	4¼
Class B, 1912	..	..	3	11/3	11/	12/	..
Class B, 1917	..	..	3	10/3	10/3	11/	5¼
Ditto, Inscr.	..	..	3½	10/3	10/3	11/	..
Com. of Aus., Assets	..	..	3	17/6	17/3	..	3¼
E. S. and A. Deb.	..	..	4	18/	17/10	..	..
Ditto, pref.	..	..	4	12/6	12/6	..	..
Ditto, def.**	..	..	4	18/1	18/	..	..
Q. Nat.*	..	..	3	16/7	16/	16/11	4¼
STEAM.							
Balmain Ferry	1	1	10	38/9	38/	38/9	5¼
Howard Smith	1	1	15	44/	43/6	45/	6⅝
Ditto	1	5/	15	18/	25/	..	4
Pref.	1	1	5	21/3	20/6	21/	4¾
Ditto	1	5/	5	5/	5/	..	..
Illawarra	1	1	..	18/	18/	19/	..
Newcastle	1	1	6	23/3	22/6	24/6	5
North Coast	1	17/6	8	26/6	25/6	26/	5¼
Port Jackson	1	15	8	38/	37/	38/	..
Syd. Ferries	1	1	15	62/6	62/	63/6	..
Ditto	1	1	10	..	..	..	..
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	1	15/	14	43/6	43/6	..	..
Col. Mut. Fire	1	1	20¼	53/	51/6	55/	3⅞
Mer. Mutual	1	6	14½	12/	..	18/6	7⅝
New Zealand	10	2	15	73/	73/	78/	4
Queensland	1	10	8	17/	17/	..	..
United	10	2¼	13¼	5/15/	5½	..	4¼
COAL.							
Bellambi	1	1	17½	45/3	45/3	45/6	7¾
East Greta	1	1	10	29/3	29/6	..	..
Redden Greta	1	1	..	5/	4/9	..	..
Burton	5	5	6	66/	65/	..	..
Metrop., ex.	..	..	..	..	..	1/6	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	8	22/	21/	23/	7¼
Ditto, pref. 2	1	1	8	14/6	13/9	14/6	..
Mt. Kembla	10	10	..	..	..	24/	..
Newcastle	10	10	5	6/15/	6½	..	7½
North Bulli	1	1	..	31/	..	32/	6¼
South Greta	10/	10/	..	13/10½	13/	..	..
Stockton	1	1	..	5/	..	..	..
Ditto, new	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vale of Clwydd	1	1	20	24/6	24/9	..	..
Wallsend	10	10	20	25	25	26	8
Waratah	1	..	..	..	1/6	..	..
Wickham and Bullock Is.	1	1	20	6/2	7/6	..	..
Ditto, new	1	18/	..	4/8	5/3	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	..	22/	20/	23/	..
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/6	20/6	..	5¾
Australian	6	6	15	19¾	19½	19¾	4⅜
Ditto, new	6	3	15	11/5/	11¼	11¾	..
Char. Towers	10/	10/	10/	14/9	..	..	..
Goulburn	1	1	8	31/	30/	..	..
Grafton	1	1	8	32/3	30/	..	..
Katoomba and Leura	1	1	..	24/	23/	..	..
Maitland	5	5	7	5	..	..	..
Manly	1	1	9½	42/6	41/6	..	..
Ditto, new	1	5/	9½	23/	22/	..	..
Mudgee	1	1	8	24/	24/	..	..
Newcastle	2	2	15	6½	6	..	..
North Shore	1	1	8	44/	40/	..	..
BREWERIES.							
C. and Wood Bros.	1	1	..	9/6	9/6	10/	..
Perkins'	15/	15/	20	30/	30/	..	..
Toohey's	10/	10/	16	12/9	12/9	..	..
Tooth's	1	1	10	42/3	42/	42/6	..
MISCEL'N'S.							
Aerons'	15/	10/	5	4/	3/3	4/	..
A. Taylor Co.	1	1	10	22/6	22/6	..	..
Aust. Hat Mills	1	1	..	24/	24/	..	..
Aust. News	1	1	..	13/9	13/	14/	..
S.H.W. Sup.	15/	15/	10	21/11	..	..	..
Burns, Phil.	1	1	16	42/	41/9	42/3	..
Do., new issue	1	10/	10	21/3	21/	21/6	..
Col. Sugar	20	20	10	45	45	45¼	..
Dalgety and Co.	20	5	7	6/9/	..	6¾	5⅜
Dunlop Pneu. Tyre, pref.	1	1	7	31/	..	..	4½
Elec. B. Rail.	1	1	7	4/10½	..	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Enos and Pros. Gravel	1	10/	6½	12/3	12/6	..	..
F. Food and Ice	12/	10	6	11/3	11/3	11/6	..
Goodlet and Smith	15/	15/	8	17/3	17/	17/3	7
H. M'Kenzie ord.	1	1	8	21/	..	19/	7¾
Ditto, pref.	1	1	8	18/	17/	19/	..
Htl. Metropole	1	1	6	25/	23/	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	8	1/1/3	..	..	..
Marcus Clark, ord.	1	1	8	21/	22/	23/	7⅝
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	11/1/3	10½	12¼	5¼
Melb. Tram	1	10	..	39/1½	40/	..	..
Mont de Piete(ca)	1	1	10	30/	38/3	40/	5¼
Mort's Dock	1	1	6	20/3	19/9	..	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	22/6	22/	..	5¼
Paul and Gray	1	1	10	27/	26/6	27/	7¼
Perm. Trust	5	2/6	10	5/	4/11	5/3	5
Perpet. Trust	10	5	10	12/3	12/	12/6	4
Pitt, Son, and Badgery	1	11/	10	15/9	..	..	7
Queensl'nd Meat Ex. and Agcy.	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Richardson and Wrench	1	1	5	14/	13/	..	7
E. Rich and Co.	1	1	5	14/6	..	14/6	6¾
Silv. Trams	1	1	40	87/	..	..	..
Syd. Cyclorama	1	1	5	15/6	14/	17/	6½
Syd. Exchange	10	10	6	12½	12	..	..
Syd. Hyd.	1	1	10	29/	28/6	29/6	7
Ditto, con.	1	10/	10	15/	13/9	14/9	6⅝
Syd. Hyd. and G. E.	1	15/	15	26/9	22/6	26/3	8¼
W. H. Soul, Patt. and Co.	1	1	10	47/	47/	48/	4¼
LAND and BD.							
Com. B. and L.	10	10	..	2/6	..	2/6	..
Ind. Prov.	10	20	6	19	..	..	..
Interc. Inv.	1	15/	12½	28/6	26/	..	5¼
Newc. B. and I.	..	..	8	..	21/	..	..
Syd. Free L.	..	6/7	20	3	..	..	..

† Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. ‡ Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. y. Ex rights. Z. 4 months. * Plus annual payments of 16/8 per cent. z. Ex div. and bonus. s. cum div.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Sales:—Bank of Victoria, ex dividend, 89/8.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cent., 1920, £86/10/; ditto, 3½ Treasury Bonds, £99/10/; Commercial Bank, pref., £5/12/6; Colonial Mutual Insurance, 58/; Melbourne Tram, 41/6; Silverton Tram, 88/; Howard Smith (20/ paid), 44/6; ditto, pref., (20/ paid), 21/.

FINANCIAL.

POINTS ABOUT WOOL.

From London we have received a copy of the annual wool market report of Messrs. Windeler and Co. From this the following points are extracted:—

In spite of the increased quantity of wool taken by home buyers, Bradford has been the most depressed market throughout the year while the Continental trade, hardest hit over the purchases made at the highest point, has generally shown a better front.

America, too, in spite of the bad times over there bought more in London than in the previous year, though, of course, the total purchases made for the quarter, that is, including those in the primary markets, have been considerably less.

In looking back over the last 13 months, which for difficulty and disaster can only be compared with 1900 events, have once again shown how much better it is for growers, just as much for users to have a moderate but above all as far as possible an even range of values, and to avoid violent fluctuation.

When buyers at the opening of the season load themselves up in a few months for the whole year, they are at the mercy of any untoward circumstance, as has been so bitterly experienced this time.

The essence of sound and steady trade is the equable distribution of supplies as far as possible over the year, not a glut at one moment and a famine the next, and, in spite of the irresponsible talk of interested parties about manipulating the market, the result has triumphantly justified the measures taken.

Had the whole weight of the wool arrived in London, whether consigned or bought on speculation, been forced into the catalogues in the early summer, the market would undoubtedly have been smothered by it and things would have been far worse even than they were.

While the more distant future must depend largely upon how the general trade of the world develops, still, in the absence of any crowning disaster (for this saving clause must experience shows, be added), indications point quite as much to an advance in prices as to the reverse.

The improvement in the position in America is marked and is likely to go further, at the same time that a greater feeling of confidence, which is absolutely essential to business, seems to be returning to the countries of the Old World, though the political situation on the Continent gives cause for some anxiety.

The supplies too from the great wool-producing countries are likely to be less rather than more, and requirements are continually increasing not only in the old-established markets but in new areas where the use of wool has been hitherto almost non-existent.

It is estimated that the total quantity of colonial wool from Australasia and the Cape which passed into the consuming markets throughout the world during 1908 amounted to about 2,355,000 bales, or some 45,000 bales less than in 1907.

UNITED STATES WOOL CLIP.

Just now, especially in view of the fact that a revision of the United States tariff as applying to wool is in contemplation, figures showing the position of the wool clip of that country are of special interest. The annual wool review of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers places the number of sheep fit for shearing in the United States at the end of 1908 at 40,311,548, an increase of 1,476,617 over 1907, when the total stood at 38,864,931. This increase is made up chiefly of additions to the estimated number in New Mexico and Arizona, where increases of 400,000 and 150,000 respectively have been made. In 1908 the wool clip amounted to 311,138,321lb, valued at £12,300,000. In 1907 the clip amounted to 298,294,750lb, valued at £15,600,000, and in 1906 it was 298,915,130lb, valued at £15,900,000. This table gives production, in pounds, back to 1897:—

U.S. WOOL CLIP IN POUNDS.

1908	311,138,321	1902	316,341,032
1907	298,294,750	1901	302,502,328
1906	298,715,130	1900	288,636,621
1905	295,488,438	1899	272,191,330
1904	291,783,000	1898	266,720,684
1903	287,450,000	1897	259,153,251

By way of comparison, it may be noted that the Commonwealth exported last year 542,729,808lb of wool, as against a total production in the United States last year of 311,138,000lb. The population of the Republic is about 20 times as great as that of the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH IMPORTS.

Those interested in individual lines of imports will find some valuable material in the table that follows, giving details of imports into the Commonwealth during the last two years:—

	Year, 1907. £	Year, 1908. £
Ale and beer	410,684	412,092
Apparel and all descriptions of soft goods	12,582,757	11,237,897
Boots and Shoes	307,736	276,712
Cordage and twines	606,338	606,339
Drugs and chemicals (exclusive of acid tartaric and cream of tartar)	956,697	895,263
Earthenware and chinaware	237,253	237,338
Fish (all kinds)	391,067	512,658
Glass and glassware	394,045	371,670
Hats and caps	408,519	293,065
Implements and machinery, viz., agricultural, horticultural and viticultural	401,000	[illegible]
Instruments, musical—pianos	305,290	242,633
Iron and steel—Bar, rod, etc.; blooms, slabs, girders, etc.	801,354	901,977
Iron and steel—Galvanised plate and sheet	1,356,997	1,128,226
Jewellery	366,719	261,952
Jute goods, including bags and sacks	1,372,067	1,212,922
Leather	373,041	327,497
Machines and machinery (all kinds except agricultural, etc.)	2,760,211	2,771,037
Manures	389,160	426,384
Metals—Manufactures of	3,929,826	2,352,491
Oils—Kerosene	409,051	472,088
Paints and Colours—varnishes	445,769	436,410
Paper—Printing	508,996	642,246
Paper—All other	632,679	625,442
Railway material, including rails, etc.	626,931	792,928
Rubber goods	418,094	412,291
Spirits—Brandy	147,433	148,748
Spirits—Gin (including schnapps)	120,790	130,880
Spirits—Whisky	580,699	568,928
Sugar	77,850	245,048
Tea	1,102,727	972,776
Timber	1,632,055	1,890,835
Tobacco—Manufactured	164,046	169,353
Tobacco—Unmanufactured	436,351	467,150
Tobacco—Cigars	113,231	162,449
Tobacco—Cigarettes	49,298	37,280
Tools of trade	479,123	495,851
Vehicles and parts, including cycles, motors, etc.	694,390	630,660

THE A.M.P. SOCIETY'S PROGRESS.

Mr. William Affleck writes:—

Sir,—In your commercial column to-day I find you give a statement of the business (new) done during the past year by the A.M.P. Society. You say:—"The new business written by this society for last year has in magnitude never before been exceeded in its history." I am perfectly sure all the members will be glad to hear it. But you add, "This includes all the business done towards the end of the year in the United Kingdom. Had the latter been excluded, however, there would, we are informed, still have been a record." That is to say, it would have been the largest business ever done by the society without the extension. Now, with your permission, I would like to make some remarks, which, I trust, you will grant me space for. We (I mean the opponents to extension) were so scurvily treated by the board in 1906 that I made up my mind to let matters slide for the future. But as your remarks have given me the opportunity I will notice two things connected with that report. First, in March, 1906, when we were about to hold our public meeting, we asked the office to supply us with the amount of new business secured in 1905. They refused to give it, as they knew it would be in our favour against extension. Now that they have opened in Britain, and no opposition exists, they give the amount of new business done in 1908 on February 3. Second, you report the new business for 1908 is £5,040,000, or only £190,000 more than the previous year, and that includes the British, since the office was opened in London five months before the closing of the year. But you have told us, "Had the latter been excluded, however, there would, we are informed, still have been a record." If such is the case the British new business must have been small, perhaps £150,000 for five months. If such is the case, I do not wonder at Mr. Teece coming back nearly heart-broken, after all the blowing he and the directors did to secure authority to extend the business to Britain; and now so far, it has proved a fiasco, even if we give them credit for the whole £190,000 of new business over last year. I ask the members who voted for the extension, do they not think shame for being so short-sighted? I hope when we get the report it will show the new business of Britain, and also the total expenditure, including Messrs. Meeks and Teece's expenses, separately from those of the Commonwealth and New Zealand, and by such the promoters of the extension will see the justification for the opposition that we raised.

THE LATEST IN LIFE POLICIES.

A system of life assurance by single premiums has often been advocated by those who see in the ordinary life assurance contract a charge upon the income that is wont to become inconvenient and burdensome. Believers in the single-premium plan point out that an assurance can be built up by taking out fresh policies when the money can conveniently be spared, and contend that a thrifty person is better suited in all ways by such a scheme than by one which compels him to pay a fixed sum at definite intervals. The objection, however, to the plan is the necessity of undergoing a fresh medical examination on taking out each policy. Apart from the trouble and loss of time (which are quite enough to put some men off life assurance), there is always the risk of deterioration of health, involving the imposition of extra premium, or barring further assurance altogether. The Commercial Union Assurance Co., we learn from London, has just devised a scheme which seems to be a distinct improvement on the ordinary single-payment scheme. The arrangement is that premiums may be paid in any multiples of £1 and at any intervals that may be most convenient, and each premium secures a certain definite amount of assurance, no part of which is lost if the payment of premiums is not continued, or if premiums are not paid regularly. An outstanding feature of the scheme is that only one medical examination is required, viz., when taking out the first policy. Moreover, medical examination can be avoided altogether if desired, the condition being that the assurance secured by any premium shall not vest until three years from the date of payment of premium, the premium, with compound interest, being returned in the event of death during the three years. These single-premium policies are convertible into cash at the will of the policyholder, surrender values of at least the amount of premiums paid being guaranteed, and the arrangement being that the value shall increase with the duration of the policies. Policies may be effected either for the whole of life (payable at death), or may be made payable at a specified age.

COMMONWEALTH OIL CORPORATION.

The annual report of the above corporation is an exceedingly lengthy document, chiefly explanatory of the extreme richness of the shale and the value of its coal resources. On the advice of the auditors the accounts of the New South Wales Shale and Oil Company have been embodied in the company's balance-sheet. It may be noted that, despite a stoppage of ten months, the year's results of the New South Wales Shale and Oil Company have only shown a small loss after writing off all expenses incurred thereby, and making some provision for depreciation. The 32 new retorts erected at the Torbane works were started last August, and have since been running most satisfactorily. The crude oil obtained was as anticipated greatly superior in quality to that produced by the old retorts. Its pale olive green colour indicated its excellent refining quality, the specific gravity was light, being about 0.880, as against 0.910, and it consequently contained a higher percentage of illuminating oil. An increased yield was obtained by the Scottish retorts, according to the quality of the shale treated. The volume of gas given off was so great that it was more than sufficient for the heating of the retorts, with a large balance still available for other purposes. The Hartley Vale refinery is being extended, and in the course of the next few weeks it is expected that refined oils will be placed on the market, in addition to the candles and other products now being marketed. Although a considerably increased tariff upon machinery, and other plant imported into Australia has during the last year added very considerably to the company's expenditure in excess of the original estimates, only very slight additional assistance has been given to the industry in the recent revision of the tariff. In view of this, it is encouraging to learn that the Federal Government, with a desire to stimulate the extension of these operations, and the consequent employment of a larger amount of labour, has under consideration a proposal to give a bonus upon the production of shale oil in Australia. The accounts show a loss for the year of £700, which, deducted from the surplus brought forward of £7200, leaves a credit balance of £6600 to be transferred to the 1908-9 accounts.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Great animation was displayed in the local wool market yesterday, full rates being secured.

Sales covered 8205 bales, of which 553 bales were sold privately.

The half-yearly meeting of the New South Wales Mont de Piete Company, Ltd., was held yesterday, Mr. Russell Jones presiding. The report and balance-sheet, particulars of which we have already given, were adopted.

The half-yearly meeting of the Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company, Ltd., was held yesterday, Mr. A. W. Meeks, M.L.C., presiding. The report and balance-sheet, which have already been given, were adopted, and Messrs. Meeks and H. Andrews were re-elected directors, and Messrs. H. D. Vane and J. E. Bowes, auditors.

The half-yearly meeting of the Sydney Hydraulic and General Engineering Co., Ltd., was also held yesterday, under the presidency of Mr. A. W. Meeks, the report and balance-sheet being adopted.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

The heavy selling of Australian wheat in London at an average advance strengthened the position locally. The wire market was still set in an upward direction. Tea advanced in Colombo and London, and on spot holders were more confirmed in their notions. Oils were quiet. Jute remained dull. In the general produce markets the tone was better.

BREADSTUFFS.

It is a long time since so many wheat sales were effected in London in a day as were reported in Wednesday's cables, published yesterday. The feature of the transactions is the strong price for March-April shipments, which is a fair indication of London's estimation of the market ahead. On spot so little wheat was offering that values were not well defined. A few parcels were bought at 3/11, but there were also unsatisfied buyers at that figure. In districts where millers were not competing, small lots were still being picked up at the Sydney equivalent of 3/9 to 3/10.

Flour was firm at £8 17/6 and £9.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 2167 tons of wheat and 97 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

WHEAT LOADINGS AND STACKS.

For the week ended January 30, 153,808 bags of wheat were despatched from the Southern lines, 28,602 from the Western, and 51,153 from the Northern, or 233,563 in all. At the same date 925,324 bags were held in stacks on railway premises, the stacks being distributed as follow:—

Stations.	No. of Bags.	Stations.	No. of Bags.
Stockinbingal	15,647	Corowa	31,000
Temora	82,790	Old Junee	22,313
Quandary	16,169	Marrar	3,871
Ariah Park	24,454	Coolamon	79,363
Beckom	6,480	Ganmain	40,716
Gidginbung	23,587	Matong	7,715
Reefton	14,678	Berrigan	33,257
Barmedman	7,428	Finley	5,941
Wyalong	100	Harefield	2,000
Bonnen	3,560	Shepherd's Siding	1,744
Uranquinty	18,117	Wellington	6,098
The Rock	21,630	Geurie	4,982
Milbrulong	17,848	Parkes	13,902
Lockhart	35,831	Bogan Gate	800
Yerong Creek	5,700	Cowra	10,295
Henty	54,927	Greenthorpe	7,315
Culcairn	5,800	Grenfell	8,000
Germanton	6,000	Attunga	3,000
Walla Walla	12,412	Manilla	19,000
Burrumbuttock	5,642	Curlewis	3,911
Brocklesby	45,494	Darling Island	111,898
Balldale	60,432		
Hopefield	21,215	Total	925,324

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—Private cables advised that at Wednesday's sale in Colombo common kinds advanced 1 to 2 cents, medium kinds 2 cents. Stand-out teas were strongly competed for at advanced rates. It was reported that London had advanced. On spot buyers were taking no more than they were obliged to. In the aggregate, however, a fair amount of Ceylon tea changed hands at from /0½ to 1/. Indians were not so much inquired for.

Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. will offer to-day a catalogue of Ceylons as advertised.

Oils.—Linseed oil was more inquired for. Sales were reported of some 150 drums in distributing lots on the basis of 2/2 and 3/4 for first brands raw and boiled, and /1 less for second brands. Some holders, however, were asking an extra half-penny, and the tendency of other holders was to do the same. Whitelead, according to private advices, had improved 10/ per ton. Pure China oil sold at 4/8 to 4/9 according to parcels. Pinetree turps met with business at 2/10, Pratt's 2/11. No. 2 herring oil sold at £14 per ton. Fly-bloom sheep oil was taken at 2/8. Sales of cottonseed oil were reported at 5/, but better qualities were quoted up to 5/6. Norwegian cod oil was quoted at 2/3, Newfoundland at 2/2. Whale oils were worth from 2/ to 2/6 per gallon, according to description.

Metals.—The market was firm, particularly for fencing wire. No. 8 German black was not easy to get under £8/10/, although there were some holders willing to take £8/7/6. No. 10 German black was quoted at £8/12/6 and £8/15/. To arrive, German was quoted at £8/5/ and £8/15/. American No. 8 was very scarce at £8/12/6 to £8/15/, and No. 10 £8/17/6. Quotations forward showed no advantage. German galvanised was written £9/5/ and £9/15/ on spot and to arrive at the end of the week. American, £9/10/ and £10. Iowa barbed wire was unchanged at £15/10/ for 12-gauge, and £16/2/6 for 14-gauge, Australian £14/10/ and £15/15/. A line of barbed, 6-inch spaces, was quoted at £15 for 12 gauge, and £16/5/ for 14 gauge. Nettings were quiet. 36 x 1½ x 18, imported, first grade, was, however, in light supply, and worth £16/10/. Tin plates sold at 15/ in small lots. Piping was quoted at 45 per cent. off for black, and 75 per cent. for galvanised. Hoop iron was unchanged at £11/10/ black, and £17/10/ galvanised. Bar iron sold at 10/9, shoeing iron at 11/9, and shoeing steel at 12/ per cwt. The demand for rabbit traps continued, and Griffiths' 1XL were firm at 10/6; Scotchman at 8/9, Sidebottoms 6/ to 6/3. Imported cement was selling from 13/ to 14/, according to brand. Kelly's axes, up to 1/ on the other side, were quoted at 42/6; No. 1 Ideal axe handles firm at 11/6.

Jute.—A few branbags sold at 4/1 on spot. New cornsacks were neglected. They were quoted nominally at 4/9½ to 4/10. Old cornsacks were quoted at 7/5. In all jute lines, however, a definite buying order is a passport to concessions. Calcutta cables indicated no change in the market conditions that end.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 355 gales of wood were manifested to arrive.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

METALS.

LONDON, Feb. 4 (4.53 a.m.)

Yesterday's closing quotations were:—

Copper, 12/6, up on spot at b £58/17/6, s £59/2/6; and 12/9 up forward at b £59/16/3, s £60/1/3.

COPPER MOVEMENTS.

	Jan. 31, 1908. Tons.	Dec. 31, 1908. Tons.	Jan. 31, 1909. Tons.
Supplies	46,560	38,188	31,173
Deliveries	45,650	34,510	33,515
Stocks	20,660	55,677	52,935
Afloat	3,600	6,300	4,500

Tin.—£1/5/ up on spot, at b £126/10/, s £127, and £1/5/ up forward, at b £128/5/, s £128 15/.

VISIBLE WHEAT SUPPLY.

The American visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is estimated by "Bradstreet's" as being equivalent to 75,781,000 bushels of wheat, against 77,642,000 bushels last week and 64,384,000 bushels at the corresponding period of last year.

WHEAT SALES.

The cargoes of the ships Tasmania and Leon Bureau, the former due South Australian ports this month, and the latter now loading there, also 6000 tons of Australian wheat, ports optional, for January-February shipment, have been sold at 37/.

PRICE OF SILVER.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Bar silver is quoted at 2/ per ounce standard.

THE TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, Feb. 3, 1.10 p.m.

At the sales of Australian and New Zealand tallow to-day 882 casks were offered, and 163 were sold. Prices were unchanged, viz.:—Mutton, fine 34/, medium 31/6; beef, fine 32/9, medium 31/ per cwt.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The wheat market is quiet and unaltered to-day, farmers selling 3/9½. Flour dull as far as export business is concerned, but fair local business is passing at £8/15/, delivery. Bran and pollard are very firm at 1/1.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Wheat is firm, with little offering in town; moderate business at 3/9½ alongside. A small quantity sold at 3/9¾, and a little business was done at 3/9½, ex store. Purchases from the country are generally at the equivalent to 3/9½ alongside. Bran scarce and firm at /10½ to /11; pollard, 1/1, and lower for export. Better qualities malting barley firm; good up to 4/3, extra prime higher. Algerian oats rather weak; about 1400 bags milling sold 1/10 to 1/10½, mostly at 1/10. Heavy feed sold at 1/9. Maize very scarce and firm; remaining small stocks nearly all sold. Business at 4/5, ex store. Chaff unchanged, but weak; wheaten 50/ to 62/6; oaten 50/ to 55/; inferior 47/6. Hay steady—manger hay to £4/5/; sheaves, 45/ to 55/. Potatoes steadier; pinkeye 70/ to 75/; Gippsland 80/ to 90/; Tasmanian 80/ to 85/. Onions quiet; Globe £5, new brown Spanish £4 10/ to £6.

Sales of tea amounted to 150 chests Ceylon at up to /8. Last season's Mildura two-crown sultanas are practically unprocurable. Three tons of citric acid has been sold. Kegs are selling at 1/9, and broken lots at 2/.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Seed grains were, owing to the continued wet weather, meeting with persistent inquiries. Buyers were prepared to make advances on current prices if suitable samples were forthcoming. The supply of lucerne was restricted, but sufficient to meet the demand. Chaff was moving off freely at well maintained prices. Potatoes were again very scarce. Holders would not take business under £6 10/. Seed varieties were being eagerly sought after, but no supplies were forthcoming. Blue and grey peas were selling at a slight reduction. The maize market was somewhat irregular. Holders were desirous of obtaining 5/ for their supplies, and in some few cases sales were effected at this figure. The bulk of the business, however, was put through at 4/11. A large consignment of onions was secured for shipment to Canada.

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Maize.—Victorian: 4/11; second quality, 4/6 to 4/8; weekly from 1/2. Local: 4/7 to 4/9; island, 4/4 to 4/6.

Barley.—Cape, seed 3/3 to 3/4; feed, from 3/1 per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, 5/3; grey, 4/3 per bushel.

Oats.—Tasmanian: Whites, 2/7. Algerian: 2/3 to 2/4 per bushel.

Bran, £5; pollard, £6 per ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—South Australian: £4/10/. Victorian: £3/15, to £4 per ton.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: £4 to £4/10/ per ton.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: £3/10/ per ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime dry green, £3/10/ to £4 per ton; brown sweated, £3/10/ to £3/15/ per ton.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: From £6/11/.

Onions.—Victorian: From £6/10/ to £7. Brown Spanish, to £7/10/ per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

A large amount of business was done in bacon. Prime sorts were scarce, while medium samples were fairly plentiful. Flitches were eagerly snapped up, and some agents were asking an extra /0½ per lb. Cheese met with satisfactory inquiries, about an average amount of business being effected. Butter was unchanged. Eggs were in good demand, prices remaining firm. Duck eggs, however, were scarce, some agents receiving as high as 1/5 per dozen for their supplies.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Special flavoured brands 100/, good 95/ to 98/, seconds 90/ to 94/, pastry 70/ per cwt.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf /7½, good /6 to /7, soft and new /5½, prime large /7, good /6, soft and new /5½; special brands, /8½ to /9 per lb.

Lard.—Bladders, /7; bulk, /6 to /6½; special brands, packets and small bladders, /7; bulk, /6½.

Bacon.—Prime factory sides /9½ to /10, flitches /9 to /9½, middles /10½ to /10½; special brands, sides /10 to /10½, flitches /9 to /10½, middles /10½ to 1/; seed hams, double covers, 1/1 to 1/2½; hams, single covers, 1/0½ to 1/2.

Eggs.—Northern, /11 to 1/; Southern and railways, 1/1 to 1/2; box lot railways, 1/3; new laid, 1/4 to 1/5; duck eggs, new-laid, 1/3 to 1/5 per doz.

POULTRY.

Supplies were small, and the demand was dull. Most of the poultry arriving from the rivers is young and light. Prices obtained equalled the previous day's rates.

Current quotations were:—

Old hens 3/3 to 3/6, few choice to 4/; roosters 3/ to 4/3, chickens from 1/ to 3/; English ducks, from 2/ to 2/6, choice to 3/6; Muscovy, ducks, 3/ to 4/, drakes, to 5/; geese, 3/6 to 4/6; guineafowls, 4/ to 5/; pigeons, 1/ to 1/6 per pair.

APIARY PRODUCTS.

Business in this section was on the quiet side. A few orders for wax were received from country clients. Choice brands of honey were selling slowly, but other varieties were very dull.

Current quotations were:—

Honey.—Western, 60lb tins, choice /2½, good /2 to /2¼, inferior and candied from /1½ to /2; Northern Rivers, /1 to /2½.

Beeswax.—Prime clear 1/2 to 1/3, dark 1/ to 1/1.

FIREWOOD.

Owing to the wet weather the supplies of firewood have been very small during the last few days. Only 18 truckloads were yarded to-day. Prices were, if anything, slightly in advance of the previous day's rates.

The prices realised were:—

Best boxwood 14/ to 15/6, good 13/ to 14/6; iron and stringy bark, 10/6 to 13/; bakers' wood, best 14/, good 11/ to 12/.

AUCTION SALES.

The attendance of buyers at the railway goods sheds was good, and the amount of produce yarded was comparatively small, but prices, at least for forage, weakened still further, although the demand was very fair. Out of the 14 truckloads yarded only 14 were passed in. Of chaff 22 consignments were offered, of lucerne 17, of wheat and maize 1 each, of oats 2, and of onions 1. Rates for chaff declined on Wednesday's, choice cuts going at 4/3 and 4/6, prime at from 4/ to 4/4, and medium at 3/7 and 3/8 per cwt. Lucerne was also weaker, though it was in good demand, only two lots failing to find buyers. Prime large bales were worth from 3/8 to 4/, and medium to good from 3/ to 3/6, while choice small bales realised 4/3, and prime 3/6 per cwt. The only consignments forwarded of prime chickwheat and prime yellow maize were worth 3/9 and 4/7 per bushel respectively; and one out of two lots of oats (medium Algerian) sold at 2/1 per bushel. A single truckload of medium Dubbo onions brought 3 per cwt.

Particulars of sale follow:—

Chaff.—From Pollock, Moree, (9985) 3/7, (12884) p 3/5; Donaldson, Temora, (3667) 4/5, (7457) 4/6; Lockett, Coolamon, (3787) 4/4; Mutton, (2599) p 4/4, (13665) 4/3, (11278) 4/; Nadin, Allcock, and Denson, (4083) p 3/3; Brill, Ganmain, (5765) p 4/5, (5790) 4/6; Boyton, (6177) p 4/2; Drummond, Lockhart, (4221) p 3/11; Cornell, (13222) 4.2, (3416) p 4/3; Valveide, Henty, (3017) p 4/3; Bradshaw, Coolamon, (1390) p 3/11; Mutton and Stevens, (4254) 4/1; Logan, Ganmain, (6078) no bid; Jamieson, Boree Siding, (1190) 3/6, (5889) p 3/5; Grinsley, Coolamon, (10578) 4/ per cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—From G. Sims, Nemingha, (2858) 3/3; Morrow, (8555) 3/9; W. Chaffey, (11376) 3/10; Wallace, Muswellbrook, (12903) green 4/3, brown p 3/2; Blunt, (562) 3/6, (12811) 3/6; Simpson, Tamworth, (11134) 3/5; J. Lord, (4473) 3/8; W. Laidlaw, Moonbi, (12659) p 3/1; Hoban, Nemingha, (11580) 4/; R. Johnston, (8806) p 3/8; Jacobs, (5023) 3/; W. Johnston, (5468) 3/6; Tung, (11455) 3/, (404) 3/; Vollmer, (5193) 3/4 per cwt.

Wheat.—From Milling, Gunnedah, (5347) 3/9 per bushel.

Oats.—From Neustadt Lockhart, (8187) 2/1; Hunt, Albury, (10068) p 2/3 per bushel.

Maize.—From Barnes, Wallangarra, (5189) 4/7 per bushel.

Onions.—Ex Dubbo, (6872) 3/ per cwt.

An asterisk denotes a private sale; p that the lot in question was passed in.

FRUIT MARKETS.

The unsettled state of the weather is making its effect felt in the Bathurst-street markets. Victorian fruit was in rather small supply. Local stone fruits were meeting with satisfactory inquiries. No material alteration in prices was noted. Passionfruit were rather in excess of the demand, and were being disposed of at low prices.

Current prices were:—

Apples.—Local: Dessert, extra choice 11/ to 12/, choice 9/ to 10/, medium 6/ to 7/, small 2/6 to 3/; cooking, choice 5/ to 6/, medium 3/ to 3/6 per gin-case; jam lots, 1/6 per gin-case.

Apricots.—Local: Choice 4/ to 5/, medium 2/6 to 3/ per box. Tasmanian: 3/ to 3/6 per half-case.

Bananas.—G.M., 14/6 to 15/ per case 4/6 to 8/ per bunch; Fiji, 14/ to 14/6 per case, 3/ to 6/6 per bunch. Queensland: 11/6 to 12/ per case, 2/ to 5/6 per bunch.

Cucumbers.—2/ per half-case.

Grapes.—Queensland: Blacks, 2/6 to 3/ per half-case. Local: Blacks, 4/ to 5/, small 3/, whites 3/ to 4/ per 24lb box; Muscats, 4/ to 5/ per 12lb box.

Lemons.—Local: Choice coloured 12/, medium 7/ to 8/, small 4/ to 5/, green, choice 7/ per gin-case. Italian, 15/ per half-case.

Mandarins.—Second crop: Emperors, choice 10/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 2/ to 2/6 per gin-case.

Oranges.—Local: Second crop, choice 6/ to 7/, medium 2/6 to 3/, small and rough, almost unsaleable. Italian: 15/ to 16/ per box.

Plums.—Angelinas, choice 3/6 to 4/, Wicken's, choice 3/6 to 4/, medium 2/6 to 3/ per half-case; Diamonds, choice 5/; Japanese, 3/6 to 4/ per case. Jam lots, 2/ to 3/6 per gin-case. Blood plums, 4/ to 4/6 per gin-case. Melbourne: Extra choice, 3/6 to 3/ per quarter-case.

Pears.—Williams', choice 6/ to 7/, medium 3/6 to 5/, other sorts 2/ to 4/ per gin-case. Melbourne: Williams', 5/ to 6/ per bushel-case.

Peaches.—Slipstones, choice 4/ to 5/, medium 3/ to 3/6, small 2/ to 2/6 per half-case; clingstones, choice 2/ to 3/6, medium 2/6 per half-case, small 2/6 per gin-case; jam lots, 1/6 to 2/ per gin-case. Elbertas, choice 6/ to 7/, medium 3/ to 4/ per gin-case.

Pineapples.—Queensland: Common, choice 3/ to 4/, small 2/ to 2/6; Ripleys, choice 3/6 to 4/6, small 2/ to 3/; Queens, choice 4/6 to 6/ per case.

Passionfruit.—Local: Choice 2/6, medium 1/6, small practically unsaleable.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice 2/6 to 3/, medium 1/6 to 2/, small and inferior 1/ per half-case.

Rockmelons.—Local: 2/6 to 4/ per gin-case.

Watermelons.—Local: Medium to choice 3/ to 6/, small 2/ per dozen.

Nuts.—Peanuts, /5½; walnuts, /6½; almonds, /10; Lychee, /10; and Barcelonas, /5½ per lb.

MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In Queen Victoria Market to-day fruit sold at the following rates:—Almonds, /6 to /8 per lb; apples, 2/ to 5/ per case; currants, black /3 to /4 per lb; figs, 2/6 to 3/ per half-case; grapes, 3/ to 8/ per case; oranges, imported, 23/ to 25/ per double case; lemons, imported, 25/ to 30/ ditto; melons, water, 4/ to 6/ per dozen; mulberries, /2 to /3 per lb; nectarines, 2/ to 3/ per half-case; peaches, 2/6 to 6/ per case; pears, culinary, 2/ to 3/; ditto, dessert, 3/ to 4/6; walnuts, /7 to /8 per lb.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of February 8, 360 sheep vans and 98 cattle waggons; and for that of February 11, 464 sheep vans and 131 cattle waggons have been ordered.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd.; John Bridge and Co., Ltd.; Dalgety and Co., Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; Hill, Clark, and Co.; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.; Schute, Bell, and Co.; and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Tallow.—Prices advanced 5/ per ton. Quotations: Prime mixed, £27/5/ to £27/10/; exceptional lines to £27/12/6; good, £26/17/6 to £27/2/6; medium, £25 to £26/15/; inferior, £22 to £24/5/; broken packages, £19 to £22. 360 casks were offered and 209 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—Best horsehair sold at rather lower prices, while other descriptions were unchanged. Quotations:—Horsehair sold at /31½ per lb; cowhair, to /13½; stump, to /9; shank bones, round to £8/12/6 per ton, ordinary mixed to £4/15/, buttocks to £9, shins to £8/17/6; hoofs, white to £18/13/, striped to £6/10/, black to £5/5/, mixed £4 to £6; hide pieces, to £9/10/; sinews, to £19; horns, to 75/ per 100; beeswax, to /13½ per lb.

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PERMEWAN, WRIGHT, and CO., Ltd., Grain and Produce Agents. Auc. Sales daily at Redfern.—Advt.

Ellis and Co., Live Stock and Produce Merchants.—Sales of hay, chaff, etc., held at Redfern daily.—Advt.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Wool sales were held yesterday at the Sydney Wool Exchange, Bridge-street, when the quantity catalogued totalled 8758 bales, and the sales, including private transactions, amounted to 8205 bales, as under:—

Broker.	Offerings.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately, ex Catalogue.	Privately, Uncatalogued.	Total Sales.
Dalgety and Co., Ltd.	5207	4593	422	47	5062
Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.	3551	3059	84	—	3143
Totals	8758	7652	506	47	8205

The market continued to display great animation, and prices remained firm at late full rates for all good conditioned lines, whilst skirty and faulty lines were irregular. Crossbreds and lambs sold well, and scoureds made full values.

Dalgety and Co., Limited, offered a good selection of wools for this period of the season, including a few superior clips, with a number of good useful combing wools. In the grease the highest price was /13½ paid for 16 A h w e DA/J New England (Guyra), a wool of good length, bright, and in attractive condition. Other sales were:—HP conj/Dundee/New England, 12 h w e at /11, fair length, fine, soft, free; GMS/Stonehenge/New England (Glen Innes), 5 sup com at /12, 21 1st com at /11, 11 1st clo at /11½, 4 1st com at /10½, fair length fine quality, soft, free; BBR/Emmet Downs (Isisford, Q.), 7 sup A w at /12½, 18 sup A e at /11½, 61 A w at /11½, 125 A e at /11, well grown, lofty, combing, attractive condition; V2V/Wallamumbi/New England (Armidale), 57 A at /11½, 43 B at /11, 7 cbk at /11½, 9 B at /10½, fair length, fine quality, bright; RW Pengarra (Springsure, Q.), 30 A e at /10½, 13 A w e at /10½, 6 B w e at /9½, good length, sound combing, fair condition; WP Mount View/New England (Moonbi), 19 1st com e at /11, 41 1st com w at /11, fair length, lean staple, fine, free; Booligar (Hebel, Q.), 13 A w e at /9½, 10 A and BB at /9, 20 pcs at /9½, well grown, shafty combing, good quality and condition; SMO/Bolaro (Cooma), 7 A com at /10, 20 1st com at /9½, 22 1st at /8½, 15 2nd at /8½, fair length, good quality, weak in staple; CMK N-S cyclone/W in cir/Woodville (Crookwell), 47 1st com at /11, 10 1st com at /11, 34 1st at /10½, fair length, superfine quality, soft, good condition; A/C/T (Forbes), 30 AA com at /9½, good length, sound, useful quality; Valencia/Hector (Port Pirie, S.A.), 9 A at /9½, 10 e at /8½, 15 pcs at /8½, 10 h w e at /8½, 7 cbk at /8½, good length, sound, useful quality, fair condition; B in cir, Cambalong (Bombala), 30 h w e at /9½, well grown, combing, useful quality, fair condition; FFG (Grenfell), 7 2nd com at /10½, 4 cbk at /10½, 14 xbd and cbk at /9, well grown, bold combing, good quality, MO/Coolcappa (Coonabarabran), 20 h e at /9½, 7 w at /9½, fair length, lean, good quality, slightly seedy; Gumin (Gular), 28 1st com e at /8½, 18 2nd com at /7½, good length and quality, fair condition, dry, dusty tip; TS/Coomingla (Cowra), 10 h at /10, fair length, fine, soft, almost free; Upper Balabla (Young), 8 AAA e at /10½, 23 AA e at /10, good length and quality, reddish; WLM/New Eng., 4 h e at /10½, fair length, bright, fine, attractive condition; Luc/Mudgee, 8 2nd com at /9½, 11 1st and 2nd clo at /8½, good length and quality, dry; Moolbong (Booligal), 9 A e s at /8, 12 A and B at /7½, good length and quality, earthy; Kallara (Louth), 4 sup com at /9½, 23 sup and 1st com at /9½, 9 1st e at /9, good length, fine, free, dusty tip; AHP/E/New England (Armidale), 22 1st com w at /11½, fair length, fine, bright; KRU/V2V (Millie), 5 1st xbd at /9, 18 1st cbk at /9½, fair length, fine, fair condition; WW/Colly Creek (Willow Tree), 19 bkn at /8½, 8 xbd at 9½, 6 xbd at /9½, fair length, good quality, bright; AHB/TRI—and BAR Myall Creek/New England (Bingara), 5 A com w at /10½, good length and quality, nice condition; Yanda (Bourke), 19 B com e at /8½, good length, fine, weighty condition. Scoured: Shirley (Q.), 39 1st com at /18½, 77 1st com e at /17½, 8 1st pcs h at /17½, fair length, colour, and quality, a little seedy; C/Old Gnomery (Brewarrina), 10 com at /20, good colour, condition, and quality; RJPH Westholme (Inverell), 16 ex sup com at /16½, fair colour and condition, good quality; GY (Curley), 8 1st com at /19, 4 2nd com at /16, fair length and condition, good quality and colour; Yanda (Bourke), 9 at /18½, very long, lean, fine, dry.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., offered a good average catalogue, including some nice lines, but the bulk comprised somewhat heavy conditioned, dusty, and skirty lines. In scoureds there was a good selection. In the grease the top price was /12½, paid for 4 1st com h of M/Balala/New England (Uralla), 23 1st com making /11½, the wool being fine, soft, of good staple, and in nice condition. Other sales were:—TH/Guyra, 22 h w e at /11, fine, soft, fairly good staple; HC/HT (Young), h w e at /10, well grown, sound, nice quality; Gadara/HB/Park (Tumut), 20 w at /10, fine, fair staple, a little dusty and skirty; 2 D/Uralla/New England, 4 1st h at /12, fine, bright, medium staple, nice condition; SP/6/Box Hills/New England (Ben Lomond), 22 h w e at /11, well grown, bright, good quality, few skirts; AY/New England/Uralla, 13 h at /12, bright, attractive, good staple; FBF/Arondale/Young, 5 e at /11, well grown, sound, nice condition, a little tender; AS/New England (Walcha), 21 w h e at /11½, fine, mostly, good staple, sound, nice condition; LT/Freshford (Queanbeyan), 15 e at /10½, very fine, soft, fair staple; A/KC/Gawrie/New Engd 17 A w at /12½, 17 C w h e at /10½, 6 B at /10½, fine, good staple, nice condition, part heavy; D/Dais Hill/New England, 21 w e at /11½, bright, fine, nice condition; WAS/Tarcoola/New England (Guyra), 12 h w e at /11½, 6 pcs at /9½, fine, attractive, nice condition, good staple; W11 Walcha/New England, 9 w h e at /10½, fine, fair staple; JJIS/Walcha/New England, 10 w e at /10½, good quality, long, a little skirty; CC/L (Binda), 6 w e at /9½, fine, part short, a little skirty; WS/Store Creek (Euchareena), 5 e at /9½, fine, a little irregular in condition and length; Triangle/Pondi (Blandford), 6 A com w e at /10½, 7 bkn at /9½, good quality, medium staple, a little heavy; N/A/New England/Uralla, 25 com at /11½, good quality, a little heavy; JH (Guyra), 19 h w e at /11½, 4 B at /9½, good quality, a little uneven in length and condition; G+/New England (Armidale), 14 h e at /11½, fine, good quality, a little heavy; JHW/New England (Armidale), 14 h w e at /10½, fine, fair staple, generous condition. Scoured: FC Fairfield (Q.), 38 1st clo at /21½, 72 1st com at /20½, 20 1st com h at /20½, 26 1st clo at /20½, fairly bulky, good quality, bright, nice condition; LFB/Bonna Vonna/Q., 20 A at /20½, 33 A e at /19½, good colour, bulky, slightly seedy; BB/Bonna Vonna (Q.), 12 A at /20, 6 pcs at /15½, good colour, bulky, slightly seedy; JRL/Boatman (Q.), 36 1st com at /18½, 34 1st com at /18, 12 2nd com at /18½, bulky, good quality, a little seedy; CU/Summer Leigh (Narrandera), 10 com h e at /18½, bright, good colour, a little burry.

In our report of Winchcombe, Carson, and Co.'s sale in yesterday's issue the sale of Ottley/Vale (Inverell), 55 bales B F e at /10, should have been /9½.

HOMEBUSH STOCK MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S SALES.

SHEEP.

Upwards of 53,668 sheep (including lambs) were balloted for sale, from 157 consignors, as compared with 46,297 advised on Monday last. The consignments were mainly in lots of 100 to 400 head, but included 18 drafts ranging from 1000 to 2200 head. All the sheep had not arrived by the opening of the sales, when complete the total was 53,694, aggregating 97,071 for the week. The sheep again comprised a large proportion of medium and useful quality merino wethers and ewes, with a sprinkling of prime, and odd pens of extra prime. There was a fair representation of crossbreds, mainly good quality, with occasional pens of prime, and odd pens of prime and heavy. The usual buyers were in attendance, including exporters and the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited. Also a few graziers, competing for lines of young sheep in store condition. As the supply was within the demand, the market opened to free bidding, at values fully equal to the rulings on Monday last, hardening as the sales progressed, and closing generally /6 per head in owners' favour. Quotations: Prime merino wethers 12/ to 13/6, extra prime 14/ to 15/, good merino wethers and hoggets 8/6 to 10/6, medium merino wethers and hoggets 6/ to 7/6, prime merino ewes 10/6 to 12/, extra 13/ to 14/6, good merino ewes 7/6 to 9/, medium merino ewes 4/ to 6/; prime crossbred wethers 12/6 to 13/6, extra prime 14/6 to 15/6, good crossbred wethers and hoggets 9/6 to 11/, medium crossbred wethers and hoggets 7/6 to 8/6; prime crossbred ewes 11/6 to 12/6, good crossbred ewes and hoggets 9/ to 10/6, medium crossbred ewes and hoggets 7/ to 8/. Sales:—

Wilkinson and Lavender, Limited.—Rosedale Station, Bourke, 88 w 14/6, 1137 11/11, 389 10/5 to 10/6, 289 e 10/5 to 10/6, 166 7/6, 22 stags 8/; Cowl Cowl Station, Carrathool, 915 w 8/9, 223 7/10, 315 e 7/11, 164 6/6; Southern agents, 213 r 7/6, 10 6/; Angledool Station, Collarendabri, 20 e 10/6, 1080 10/3, 20 9/2, 221 9/; P. Osborne, Tarago, 50 e 7/3, 157 7/2, 562 6/3; Southern agents, 40 w 7/6, 230 r 6/6; J. P. Moore, Tarana, 38 h 6/3; S. M. Osborne, Cooma, 128 xb e h 10/, 73 xb w h 11/; L. Robertson, Barmedman, 20 w 13/6; Southern agents, 46 r 8/3.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—A. Masman, Eton, 80 e 8/2, 10 11/1, 97 w 7/11, 75 e 6/11, 77 w 9/6; J. Cross, Eton, 18 e 7/, 16 10/1; S. agents, 87 r 8/.

Weaver and Perry.—Friend Bros., Galong, 200 w 10/1 to 10/5, 600 8/4; J. T. Mulligan, Guyra, 470 w 6/9, 532 6/4 to 6/5; A. D. Wiseman, Walgett, 35 e 11/3 to 11/6, 217 8/8 to 8/9; J. L. Brown, Gular, 254 w 9/4, 308 7/10; W. F. Rutledge, Bungendore, 274 w 8/7 to 8/11, 240 9/3 to 9/4; Clarence E. White, Uralla, 89 w 6/, 410 6/10 to 7/; J. Fleming Douglas, Curlewis, 99 w 11/, 188 9/10, 12 e 8/; J. King, Merrywinebone, 107 h 9/8 to 9/9; H. Davison, Galong, 50 xb e 11/1, 61 xb 9/4, 50 8/3; A. R. Maple Brown, Goulburn, 58 xb e 11/ to 11/3, 49 7/9, 113 e 7/2; J. J. Reid, Binalong, 200 e 5/2; W. H. Crane, Warialda, 110 w 10/8, 70 9/7; Southern agents, Cootamundra, 94 w 8/7 to 8/9, 95 7/3; Southern agents, 100 r 5/; W. J. Watson, Gunning, 10 stags 5/, 90 e 4/2 to 5/; — Chapman, Manilla, 98 w 8/3, 6 xb e 9/, 46 e 6/10, 8 r 7/; J. A. Cunningham, Crookwell, 112 w 7/3; J. Warn, 14 e 5/6.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—J. L. Brown, Tarcoon, 642 w 10/7 to 10/11, 336 11/6 to 11/9; J. W. C. Langhorne, Merrywinebone, 185 w 13/3, 9 xb h 13/1, 638 e 10/2, 162 12/5; H. C. Holmes, Merrywinebone, 466 w 11/8, 417 12/8 to 12/9; T. and A. Bragg, Wallenbeen, 385 e 10/3 to 10/5, 230 11/11, 178 w 12/7, 11 xb w 15/7; W. P. Thomas, Moree, 336 e 7/7 to 7/10, 107 8/10, 158 w 9/6; F. F. Gibson, Grenfell, 143 xb e 11/, 90 xb w 13/9, 14 15/6, 10 xb e 11/8, 129 e 8/10 to 8/11, 83 w 12/9; exors. W. F. Gordon, Tarago, 122 xb e 9/3 to 9/7, 21 xb 11/, 150 w 8/11 to 9/1; G. L. Hobson, Moree, 78 e 10/3, 11 w 12/1; A. W. Shelton, Moree, 75 w 12/; A. Gilmour, Stockinbingal, 240 w 10/2, 78 11/10; J. Robinson, Gundagai, 138 xb e 9/7, 11 xb 11/6, 162 e 8/6 to 8/10; R. Kelland, Greenthorpe, 295 e 8/6; L. J. Dargan, Binalong, 318 w 9/10; G. L. Brown, Gular, 79 w 9/11 to 10/2, 104 e 7/6; C. Woods, Greenthorpe, 35 e 8/, 11 xb h 11/; F. Moore, Moree, 112 w 13/4 to 13/6, 82 e 8/8 to 8/9; G. W. Rowland, Carcoar, 208 w 9/3; Captain A. F. Lloyd, 114 e 7/2, 98 6/7 to 6/8, 8 r 6/6; A. P. Dutton, Manilla, 117 w 8/, 66 w and e 6/9; E. T. Gibbes, Queanbeyan, 60 h 6/; A. M. Draper, Delungra, 85 e 5/6 to 6/; 15 w 8/4; D. M. and H. L. Broadhead, Marulan, 30 w 6/6; Northern agents, Walcha-road, 73 r 7/, 10 xb r 10/; T. Hines, 105 e 6/6; A. Webster, Grenfell, 56 e 7/6 to 7/7; — O'Neill, 53 w 9/2, 25 e 6/, 27 w 7/; J. and H. Schlink, 36 e 7/6 to 7/7.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—Beazeley Bros., 60 xb w 13/6 to 13/7, 102 xb e 11/6, 138 w 11/1 to 11/2; A. Daley, 80 w 12/; C. A. Turner, 108 w 12/8, 36 10/10, 216 e 8/1, 167 4/6; F. Belford, 214 w 11/ to 11/2, 129 9/1, 176 e 8/8; W. E. Timmins, 84 w 10/2 to 10/8, 60 e 9/3 to 9/7, 180 9/, 159 7/1; W. E. Hubble, 62 xb w 10/6 to 10/7, 114 w 9/6, 74 e and w 6/10; H. Wyndham 285 w 9/5 to 9/6, 186 7/2; J. J. Burrell, 18 h 6/8; exors. J. Tunney, 22 e 9/, 394 6/6, 282 4/; J. K. Glasson, 168 w 9/8 to 9/9, 200 e 7/; P. O'Brien, jun., 160 w and e 10/, 128 8/3 to 8/5; R. Newcombe, 27 w 9/, 13 e 7/11; W. Wittenden, 46 w 8/11; Grills and Co., 155 e 8/11; J. J. Ranger, 224 e 6/11 to 7/; J. Carbery, sen., 129 w 6/10, 187 e 5/ to 5/2; D. Leary, 13 w 6/6, 87 e 6/; G. W. Grainger, 118 e 6/1; C. Chew, 46 w 8/11, 60 e and w 6/6, E. Hines, 25 h 6/9, 45 e 6/8, 25 h 6/11; Buttenshaw Bros., 5 w 15/, 20 e 9/11, 134 9/9.

New Zealand L. and M. A. Company, Limited.—Mount Cooper Estate, 387 w 9/11 to 10/1, 612 8/10 to 9/; J. F. Glasson, 128 w 10/2, 308 8/4 to 8/7; T. Stevenson, 99 xb w 10/3 to 10/6, 67 xb e 8/1, 12 6/; Boland Bros., 167 w 8/4, 313 6/10; R. J. Matchett, 116 w 9/6 to 9/8, 110 8/3 to 8/5; 79 e 8/, 86 5/8 to 6/1; D. H. Alexander, 64 w h 10/6, 78 e 10/3; T. Regan, 201 e 5/1; D. J. Matchett, 10 w 10/, 80 7/10, 10 e 9/, 52 7/2 to 7/8; W. Kiley, 78 e 6/5, 23 4/8.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—J. R. Mackenzie and Sons, 43 e 12/10, 47 10/6; Thompson Brothers, Bugilbone, 37 xb e 12/6, 70 e 10/10, 83 9/3; W. Kenna, Walgett, 240 w 11/8 to 11/9, 123 10/9; Bunn Brothers and Co., Collarendabri, 12 w 11/3, 10 10/, 17 w h 8/, 90 e 9/9, 284 7/10, 300 6/5, 85 e h 7/; S. M'Cully, Gunnedah, 111 C e 9/9, 54 7/, 118 w 7/9, 76 6/11, 52 e 5/4; J. Lamrock, Delungra, 70 w 8/9, 28 e 7/4; Southern agents, 20 w h 9/10.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—C. Stapleton, Cowra, 27 w 6/10, 23 e 5/3, 15 4/5.

Badgery Brothers.—R. Whitticker, 83 e 6/1, 55 6/, 401 8/8; J. A. Badgery, 7 xb w 11/6, 35 10/5, 88 9/, 66 8/6; W. M. Hagan, 50 e 7/4, 19 w 10/, 10 xb e 10/, 13 w 9/1, 21 e 7/; G. W. Finlayson, 188 w 8/, 102 10/.

J. C. Young and Co.—W. Greeseen, Moree, 60 w 10/8 to 10/10, 433 10/6, 441 9/7 to 9/9; H. M. Marriott, Parkes, 20 w 10/6, 94 10/1, 82 8/11; Western agents, 18 xb 9/, 48 w 8/, 13 e 6/1.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—C. J. Britten, 80 xb h 13/1, 8 xb e 12/; M. Sawyer, jun., 40 w 12/4, 118 12/1, 20 10/6, 70 10/5, 433 10/3; S. R. Skuthorpe, 32 e 14/5 to 14/6, 145 10/4; W. J. Gall, 224 w 11/6, 74 10/11; W. and F. A. Moses, 539 e 10/9, 9 14/, 20 e 9/10, 20 9/4, 380 9/1; Gall Bros., 20 e 9/6, 330 9/3, 158 7/9 to 8/1; J. M. L. Macdonald, 140 e 9/5, 45 7/7 to 7/8, 194 7/6; J. N. Phelps, 42 e 9/6, 78 8/4; R. Wilkins, 47 w 7/3; R. Whitticker, 407 e 8/8, 153 6/1; A. Collins, 27 e 8/6; G. Gow, 29 e 7/8, 381 7/5 to 7/6; W. F. Robey, 78 xb e 8/1, 82 7/2; A. Kinteside and Sons, 126 e 7/1, 276 5/11. The 125 w, A. M. Johnson, on Tuesday last should have read 11/4, and not 10/4.

Maiden Bros. report:—T. F. Klinge, 19 x w 14/11; Goolhi station, 277 w 13/3, 289 11/8, 68 10/9; M. and A. Bolger, Fovenoy, 190 w 12/1 to 12/6, 93 10/6 to 10/8, 9 xbds 11/10; Dobokin station, 539 w 12/6, 396 11/1; trust late R. Guest, Grong Grong, 360 w 11/5 to 11/8, 392 9/7 to 9/11, 134 h 10/3, 20 w 9/; Bangheet station, 505 w 12/1 to 12/5, 308 10/10; J. M. Fagan, Coonamble, 53 w 11/3, 55 9/6, 110 e 10/, 48 8/1, 112 8/6; Welbon station, 26 w 11/2, 458 e 8/10, 216 7/7 to 7/9; Roach Bros., Germanton, 108 e 9/3, 84 7/; T. Molloy, Grenfell, 86 w 9/10, 114 8/9; F. R. C. Hopkins, 153 w 10/2, 118 8/1, 131 8/8, 76 e 9/2, 23 7/5; T. J. Guest, Lockhart, 23 w 9/11, 109 e 8/9 to 8/11, 85 7/11; S. Nicholls, Gundagai, 21 x w 12/2, 31 10/; T. Nicholls, Gundagai, 47 w 9/9 to 10/, 8 8/6; M. Ball, Gundagai, 24 w 9/10, 85 e 9/2; J. G. Gray, Kentucky, 12 h 11/6, 98 w 10/9, 32 9/, 48 e 10/7, 66 8/10, 70 r 8/; Miss Gray, 11 h 9/6, 19 e 8/6; A. A. Dalgleish, 80 w 9/6, 7 8/; L. Cruickshank, Wee Waa, 44 w 8/3, 20 e 8/10, 22 7/; J. J. Farrell, Binalong, 62 w 12/1, 28 9/6; H. C. Brown, Woodstock, 156 w 10/, 131 8/6 to 8/7; O. Keith, Wallendbeen, 68 w 9/11, 98 9/3, 51 e 7/11; J. Rood Fry, 342 e 7/6 to 7/9, 160 6/11; J. Cliverton, 11 w 10/7, 29 e 10/; W. R. Beddie, 106 e 5/3.

LAMBS.

There was a fair supply of lambs proportionately to the sheep penned. All descriptions were forward—both crossbred and merino. Medium and useful trade sorts predominated, with occasional pens of prime. Odd pens of young and light-suckers were also in evidence. There was a strong inquiry at opening for all useful to prime quality, and values were /6 to 1/ per head firmer than on Monday last. Quotations:—Prime lambs and suckers 11/ to 12/6, extra prime 13/ to 14/; good suckers and shorn lambs 8/ to 9/6; medium suckers and shorn lambs 5/6 to 7/; young and light suckers 3/6 to 4/6.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—J. P. Moore 177 6/6.

Weaver and Perry.—A. D. Wiseman, 83 11/9 to 11/10, 184 9/3 to 10/; J. King, 131 9/1, 80 8/8; R. Davison, 16 12/, 25 9/; — Chapman, 22 7/; J. Warr, 44 7/3; A. White, 41 9/.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—Exors. W. F. Gordon, 86 11/10 to 12/2, 15 11/; C. Woods, 85 9/, 71 8/; J. and H. Schlink, 50 7/10 to 8/, 70 6/7; A. Webster, 42 7/10, 13 6/7; G. L. Brown, 100 8/4 to 9/; A. W. Shelton, 47 8/7, 116 9/6 to 9/9; E. T. Gibbes, 64 7/3; D. M. and H. L. Broadhead, 82 6/3 to 6/6; G. L. Hobson, 174 9/5 to 9/9, 155 7/10, 31 6/9; E. T. Gibbes, 64 7/3; D. M. and H. K. Broadhead, 82 6/3 to 6/6.

Warden Harry Graves, Ltd.—J. E. Cross, 30 12/8, 142 10/9 to 10/11, 15 10/6, 107 10/, 106 8/10 to [illegible]6/; A. Masman, 78 10/9, 26 9/, 20 8/, 18 7/6.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—Grills and Co., 108 10/9 to 10/10, 50 9/5; R. Newcombe, 35 10/, 23 8/11 to 9/; F. Belford, 50 9/11, 8 7/; J. Fleming, 36 shorn 9/7, 72 6/6 to 6/9; W. E. Hubbale, 15 9/4; J. and J. Burrell, 224 shorn 9/1, 71 7/ to 7/1, 49 5/11; G. W. Grainger, 7 8/6, 15 8/, 79 7/5, 46 7/1; Exors. J. Tunney, 27 shorn 6/4; E. Hines, 11 5/5, 16 2/.

Badgery Brothers.—W. M. Hagan, 98 10/11, 103 8/1, 56 7/6, 122 9/4.

New Zealand L. and M.A. Co., Ltd.—T. Stevenson, 20 9/7, 97 8/6, 99 9/11; D. H. Alexander, 8 11/6, 59 11/2.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—C. Stapleton, 28 6/2.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—C. J. Briten, 177 11/8 to 11/10, 199 9/4 to 9/9; S. R. Skuthorpe, 188 (shorn) 9/ to 9/6, 102 9/; A. Collins, 44 8/6, 20 6/11; J. N. Phelps, 86 (shorn) 8/4 to 8/6; A. Wilkins, 224 7/2 to 7/6, 38 6/10.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—S. agents, 33 11/6, 51 9/; W. Kenna, 8 7/6; J. R. McKenzie and Sons, 87 12/2 to 12/6; 87 10/7 to 10/11, 78 9/9 to 9/10, 180 8/9; P. Radford, 101 12/9, 103 11/4, 82 10/3, 5 14/.

Maiden Bros.—C. F. Klinge, 11 12/5, 29 9/10 to 10/; J. M. Fagan, 15 11/1, 90 9/3, 28 9/9, 35 8/6; J. G. Gray, 27 10/4; Trustees late R. Guest, 87 9/9; T. J. Guest, 21 9/11; A. A. Dalgleish, 144 9/1, 91 8/1.

CATTLE.

Out of 1255 cattle balloted for sale, from 51 consignors, 1201 head were forward. The consignments came mainly from the northern districts, with odd lots from the south, and one draft of 100 head from the Queensland border. There was only a very moderate representation of prime light and medium-weight bullocks, with odd yards of prime and heavy. Young and light descriptions, both steers and heifers, also plain bullocks and cows, were rather considerably in evidence. About 420 cows and heifers were included in the yarding, of mainly medium and useful quality, with a sprinkling of prime, and odd yards of extra prime. There was a full attendance of buyers, and, as the supply was within requirements, the market opened to brisk competition at very firm values, with a tendency in sellers' favour, for all but weighty bullocks, which were not in such relatively strong request.

Quotations:—Yards of prime heavy bullocks, £9/15/ to £10/15/; yards of prime heavy bullocks, £11 to £11/5/; yards of prime light bullocks and steers £8/10/ to £9/5/; yards of good bullocks and steers £8/10/ to £9/5/; yards of good bullocks and steers £6/15/ to £7; yards of medium and light steers £4 to £5/10/; yards of prime cows and heifers £6/10/ to £7/10/; yards of extra prime cows £8/5/ to £9; yards of good cows and heifers £4/10/ to £5/10/; yards of medium and light heifers £3 to £4; best beef 25/ to 27/, good beef 21/ to 23/ per 100lb.

New Zealand Loan and M.A. Co., Ltd.—Stevenson, 21 steers to £6/6/, avg £5/11/9.

W. Inglis and Son.—G. J. Gardiner, 10 steers to £4/11, avg £3/11/4; Rookwood Asylum, 4 cows to £5/12/, avg £5/1/.

Weaver and Perry.—Martindale-White Bros., 54 bullocks to £10/3/, avg £9/15/8; F. S. and H. W. Bell, Pickering, 38 bullocks to £10/1/, avg £9/7/; E. Tomlinson, 33 bullocks and steers to £9/4/, avg £8/1/2; W. P. Bowman, Balmoral, 33 bullocks to £8/1/, avg £7/14/4; J. Fleming Douglas, Curlewis, 33 bullocks to £8/13/, avg £8/4/9; W. Pearse, Ravensworth, 28 steers to £7/10/, avg £6/18/5; A. R. and F. Bowman, Scone, 24 bullocks to £8/19/, avg £8/13/6.

Maiden Brothers.—J. R. Dent, Grenfell, 5 cows and heifers to £6/9/, avg £5/15/5, 4 steers at £5/15/; A. T. Creswick, Hay, 100 steers to £9/13/, avg £7/13/3; H. Price, Crookwell, 3 steers to £6/14/, avg £5/7/4, 4 cows to £6/9/, avg £5/8/; E. J. Owen, 4 steers to £8/4/, avg £6/12/6, 4 cows and heifers at £5/15/, 31 heifers to £5/18/, avg £5/2/; P. Moore, 4 cows to £5/19/, avg £5/10/6; — Lynch, 4 (mixed) to £4/4/, avg £3/18/.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—P. M'Allister, Wagga, 7 cows and heifers to £8/8/, avg £5/19/, 3 bulls to £5/15, avg £5/4/4.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—A. Esther, 7 steers to £7/8/, avg £5/16/10; G. Vines 5 (mixed) to £6/5/, avg £2/11/; R. F. Ritchie, 12 steers at £2/8/, 20 heifers to £2/7/, avg £2/5/8.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—J. Lamrock, Delungra, 10 steers to £9/14/, avg £7/8/8; Powell Bros., Burren, 36 steers to £7/17/, avg £7/4/6; Moore Bros., Walgett, 17 heifers to £5/10/, avg £5/1/9, 2 steers at £7/15/.

J. C. Young and Co.—Browne Bros., Moree, 62 bullocks and steers to £8/18/, avg £8/0/2, 7 cows and heifers to £6/14/, avg £6/11; E. H. Wall, Narrabri, 25 steers to £9/17/, avg £7/12/11; A. O. Ryder, Muswellbrook, 8 steers to £8/2/, avg £7/8/10, 57 cows and heifers to £7/1/, avg £5/17/3.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—W. G. Baker, 4 bullocks £10/10/, 5 steers £8/18/; A. G. F. Munro, 27 bullocks to £10/9/, avg £9/15/8; trustees late J. S. Vickery, 33 steers to £8/17/, avg £8/8/6; A. C. Porter, 10 steers to £8/19/, avg £8/11/4; J. C. Pengilley, 4 heifers to £8/6/, avg £6 10/9; J. H. Pengilley, 3 steers to £9/8/, avg £6/10/6; estate late A. M'Intosh, 36 cows to £7/6/, avg £6/10/1; W. R. Dickenson, 6 vealers to £2/3, avg £2.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—T. Cook, Muswellbrook, 27 bullocks to £11/2/ avg £10/19/4; M. Clift, Breeza, 18 bullocks to £11/3/, avg £8/11/7, 4 cows at £5/4/; Binnie Bros., Walgett, 2 cows to £9/3/ avg £8/8/; T. and A. Bragg, Wallendbeen, 10 steers at £8; Christian and Grice, Bourke, 105 cows to £7/16/, avg £6/1/6; M'Farlane Bros., Young, 10 steers to £8/2/, avg £5/12/9.

Badgery Bros.—White Bros., Warialda, 108 heifers to £7/16/, avg £7/3/8; A. Keith, 2 bullocks to £7/18/, avg £7/9/, 10 steers to £8/, avg £4/4/; White Bros., Muswellbrook, 36 calves to £2/5/, avg £1/15/2.

A. McIlree and Co.—J. T. Martin, 11 cows to £4/10/, avg £4/1/5, 2 bulls to £5/3/, avg £4/14/6.

TWO BOYS DROWNED.

On Wednesday afternoon two boys, brothers, the sons of Mr. M. J. O'Brien, of Jordan-street, Granville, were drowned in the Sandown Meat Works reservoir, near Parramatta. The boys were at school during the day, and afterwards four of them, brothers, aged 7, 9, 10, and 11, went to the reservoir for a bathe. Two of them, Michael, aged 10, and Daniel, aged 7, got into deep water, and as there was no help at hand they were drowned. The other boys cried for help, and shortly after employees from the meatworks arrived on the scene, and the bodies were recovered. The Parramatta police were at once informed, and Sergeant Lucas was quickly on the spot. Artificial means were used to restore respiration for three-quarters of an hour, but failed. The bodies were taken to the Morgue at the Parramatta District Hospital, there to await an inquiry.

BURGLARY AT A DRAPER'S SHOP.

The drapery establishment of Mr. P. J. Wilson, at the corner of Devonshire and Elizabeth streets, was entered during Wednesday night, and £1 10s in money taken from the till. The thieves—because it is believed that more than one was engaged in the burglary—gained an entrance to the premises through a skylight, which was reached from an adjoining building. The opening in the skylight was so small, and small footprints having been discovered adjoining it, that the belief of the police is that a boy was one of the thieves, and that he was lowered down from the skylight by means of a rope, and hauled up again. So far as could be seen, none of the stock was taken, and it would appear that the burglars expected to get a haul from the office in the shape of the day's takings, which, however, had been placed in safe keeping.

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VICTORIA.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A bill is to be introduced into the State Parliament during the coming session re-enacting the clauses of the Closer Settlement Act enabling the board to spend £50,000 a year in the purchase of land for closer settlement. The operation of the financial sections now in force expires on June 30 next.

THE FACTORIES BILL.

Replying to a deputation from the Trades Hall Council, and from several trades unions, the Premier said he would reintroduce into Parliament the Factories Bill, which was before the Legislative Council when the dissolution came. He also promised to bring forward resolutions for the extension of the Wages Boards system to the drapery, grocery, and rubber trades, carting, and the firewood and corn trades.

BARQUE RACINE FLOATS OFF.

The barque Charles Racine, which grounded in Hopetoun Channel on Saturday, was floated off shortly after midnight. It is believed that she has escaped damage.

A MONEY-LENDING TRANSACTION.

Judgment was delivered by Judge Chomley to-day in a case which was heard at the close of last year. The plaintiff was Eliza Jane Shortis, a married woman, and the defendant Alfred Beckett, trading as G. M. Morris, a money-lender. Mrs. Shortis claimed £131 for wrongful conversion and detention of a horse called Prince, and also sought to have certain money transactions between herself and Beckett reopened. The case was of a complicated nature. Mrs. Shortis obtained two loans amounting to £125, and the interest ranged from 36 to 65 per cent. His Honor held that the interest was excessive and the transactions unconscionable, and on these grounds the acts between the parties would be reopened. In regard to the horse Prince, Beckett said he paid Mrs. Shortis £15 for it. The latter, however, said she regarded it merely as an advance, to be repaid at the rate of 5s a week. His Honor said the accounts between the parties left a balance of £3 0s 5d in favour of Mrs. Shortis. Damages for conversion of the horse were assessed at £25, and the damages for his detention at £9. There would therefore be a verdict for Mrs. Shortis for £37 0s 5d, with costs to be fixed. A stay of seven days was granted.

YATHONG STATION.

Dalgety and Co. to-day offered by auction South Yathong station, under instructions from the executors of the late Mr. J. H. Spiller. The property, which is situated about 10 miles from Jerilderie railway station, consists of 24,753 acres of freehold land, carrying 10,000 sheep, 40 head of cattle, and 14 horses, with homestead, woolshed, and outbuildings. The property was passed in at £45,000.

Interesting analyses have been made at the Mines Department laboratory of samples of coal from Powlett basin coal seam. These proved that the quality of the coal was equal to, if not better than, that from any workable seam yet found in Victoria.

JAM INDUSTRY.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

A DIRECTOR'S EXPERIENCE.

PROFITS AS LOW AS BANK INTEREST.

With the courtroom at the Central crowded with spectators, most of them girls, the Wages Board in the jam industry dispute continued taking evidence last night.

Margaret Sims, forewoman at Taylor Brothers, said she received 30s a week, and considered it as good or better than she could get elsewhere. As far as she knew, there was no dissatisfaction among the girls. They left domestic service in the jam season and came to work in the factory. Some earned as much as 35s. They were all on piecework, except the pickers and the beginners, who were put on daywork for a week at 12s 6d. She had been told by some girls that they had been getting from 7s to 10s. She did not consider that 12s 6d was enough to live on. Medium workers on piecework made from 15s to £1.

In answer to the chairman (Mr. Addison), witness said she considered that from 15s to £1 a week a fair wage for a girl to live on.

Annie Rice, peeler at Taylor Brothers, said she earned enough during the six or seven months of the year that she was at the factory to keep her till next season came round. She had the assistance of her two children, who were working. Sometimes she earned as much as 25s.

John Dickson, fitter, employed at Taylor Bros., stated that he had been with the firm for 10 years. The factory was fairly dry. The floor was never so wet that anyone would get his feet wet unless they were through his boots.

Mr. Mitchell: Don't you think a man on 30s with four children to keep would soon have thin enough boots?

Ken Dooley, employed at Taylor Bros. peeling peaches, said the work was easy. She was quite satisfied. In the off time she was in domestic service, but she could get better money in the factory. She earned from £1 to 30s a week.

Ada Ward, employed at Taylor Bros., said she earned from £1 to £1 10s on piecework and without having to exhaust herself. She preferred the factory to domestic service, because the hours were not so long and the pay was better.

Mr. Windeyer: Do you know of any others who earn less?

Witness: No; it's their own fault if they do. There are some who make up to £2 or more.

A great many witnesses were waiting outside the court, but the chairman said he had heard sufficient, and Mr. Windeyer did not call any more.

G. B. Edwards, managing director of the Peacock Company, said that the trade generally was not in a position in this State to pay higher wages. He was prepared to produce his books to the chairman. "We don't make the profits that should be expected from such an industry," he continued. "For three years past we have made little more than the interest that could be got on fixed deposit, and if I had sat at home with my capital in the bank I could have done as well. One of the most harassing and thankless tasks that I know of is to manage a jam factory."

He proceeded that the claim put in would mean from 30 per cent. to 50 per cent. difference. If they had to pay that increase, and they did the business they had done last year, it would practically wipe out what profits they had made last year. Competition was extremely keen. Australia was at present producing more jam than was consumed locally. A lot had to be sent away, and if the developments continued they would have to look more and more to outside markets. At present they were largely occupying the position of distributing the Colonial Sugar Company's sugar in the form of jam. If sugar were obtainable free they could compete with any country in the world.

As to the wages there had been no serious disputes for nine years. A little friction sometimes cropped up, but he had heard of no discontent about wages. He was sure the factory work was not unhealthy. The solderers were at one time in an unhealthy atmosphere, but there was very little soldering now. The tins were fitted together by machinery. The risk of getting scalded was not so serious as to be taken into account in fixing wages. Witness was opposed to preference. The unions were strongly influenced by wire-pullers outside. A better form of organisation would be one with only those employed having the management of it. People came to the factory sometimes and begged to be taken on at anything they could get. He did not like employing them. It was a pity that the claim was so extravagant. The other side brought the most damning evidence they could. They picked out the wasters, and brought them to give evidence, which was not what his side did. If the employees' claims had been lower they might have got nearer together.

In answer to the chairman witness said the most practical classification would be one in regard to wages. It was understood that one was to be put in.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE MYLES FLYNN CASE.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the circumstances connected with the conviction of Myles Flynn for complicity in Block 14 robbery, for which he is undergoing a term of 20 years' imprisonment, handed its report to the Governor yesterday. It came to the conclusion that there were no grounds on which the verdict of the jury could be overridden, and could not recommend any remission of the remainder of the sentence.

THE GILLES PLAINS TRAGEDY.

An inquiry was held concerning the death of Wilhelm Hoffstatter, who shot at his wife at Gilles Plains on Sunday night, and subsequently committed suicide. The Coroner returned a verdict of death from pistol-shot injury, wilfully self-inflicted.

MURDERED CONSTABLE'S DEPENDENTS.

The Governor has decided to grant £500 to the representatives of the late Constable Hyde. Reading the Workmen's Compensation Act, in conjunction with the Police Fund Distribution Act, the amount to which deceased's dependents would be entitled works out at £393, but the Government has power to increase this to £500, which it has done. A similar amount was paid to the widow of the late Constable Ring.

THE MINIMUM WAGE.

COUNCIL FIXES 8/- DAILY.

EMPLOYEES APPLY FOR BOARD.

The effect of the estimates which the City Council passed last night is reported elsewhere. The details of the debate were as follows:—

Alderman Meagher moved that £5000 be put on the estimates for the object of establishing a minimum wage for all able-bodied labourers in all departments of 8s a day. He had found that the public—business men—has been astonished at the table published last week, showing how many men in the council's service were getting 6s and under. Many of these men were old, faithful workers, practically superannuated by the council. That was why he was bringing forward another motion for the drawing up of a scheme of superannuation for those men, so that promotion of the younger men would not be blocked. He had found that of the rest of the men getting under 8s a number who were actually getting 6s, were strong, able-bodied men, some of them married. The council employees, having a union of their own, could tabulate their demands and have the evidence if they went to the Arbitration Court to-morrow. The sum needed to bring the 7s 6d wages up to 8s was £1045, to bring those of 7s up to 8s would cost £3573—£4617 in all. Before they launched out into their grandiloquent resumption schemes they might well attend to the spending of a paltry £5000 on the men who worked for them.

The Lord Mayor said he had been asked why he did not take the same course as a private employer. Every private employer could do as he liked; but the city finances must be carried on by business methods. He had no hesitation in saying that this reform would cost £10,000. Alderman Meagher told him that day in his room that the increase would apply to all individuals. It would apply to the men in the town yard when that was set going. The City Council was paying now the wages paid by the Government, in the tramways, and elsewhere. And he would remind them that they had just received at the finance committee's last meeting a letter from their employees which would bring them to the Arbitration Court.

Alderman Clark, chairman of the finance committee, said he knew nothing about it.

The letter, which had not been reached at the finance committee's sitting, was then read. It was to the effect that notice was given that an application would be made on February 23 to the Industrial Court for the constitution of a board for the industry of the municipal employees of Sydney.

The Lord Mayor said their employees were taking them to the court. Moreover, above their pay, they got sick pay and holidays in a way which other employees did not. Then there was the certainty that if they raised the pay of labourers getting 7s 6d and 7s up to 8s they would not be able to stop there. They would be asked for a rise by the men who were getting 8s.

Alderman Meagher: Certainly. I want to lift the 42 men up.

The Lord Mayor said if a shilling rise were given to one section it must be given to all. He would only be a party to treating everyone on a fair basis. It meant £8000 to £10,000; and they could put the sick pay and holidays as equivalent to £6000 more. The Lord Mayor went on to explain that the margin for the year was only £15,000; and either the works for which that was destined would be given up, or a fresh rate of a penny would have to be struck.

Alderman A. M'Elhone asked why, if the council's men were dissatisfied, they stuck to the service as they did. Not one of them would leave it for the sake of all the high contractors' wages that some aldermen had spoken about. They appreciated the council's conditions, the holidays, and sick pay, too well for that.

Alderman Meagher: Take a plebiscite, and they will vote to a man to forego the holidays and sick pay in return for the wage.

An alderman: And afterwards you would be the first to get the conditions introduced again.

After a very hot interlude between Alderman Perry and Alderman O'Connor, the vote was put.

There voted:—For the motion: Aldermen Meagher, Kelly, Heneon, Clark, Fitzgerald, Lawrence, Mallet, O'Sullivan, O'Connor, and English.

Against the motion: Aldermen A. M'Elhone, Lane Mullins, Lees, Cocks, W. M'Elhone, Perry, and Milner Stephen.

The motion for the increase was carried by three votes.

THE JANUARY RAINFALL.

COMPARISONS WITH THE AVERAGES.

An analysis of the rainfall records for January shows that the amounts registered were below the average on the North Coast and Tablelands, and in the whole of the Western Division and Riverina, with the exception of Gongolgon and Coolamon. In the other divisions the falls were generally above the average, although the distribution was by no means equal. The most favoured areas were the northern parts of the Central Western Slopes and Central Tablelands, and the South Coast and Southern Highlands. The country between Menindie and Deniliquin received very little rain, and at three stations in this area—Pooncarie, Balranald, and Moulamein—fine weather ruled throughout the month. Cannonbar, on the Central Western Plains, had the greatest rainfall during the month, 950 points being registered there, or 771 points above the average. Maitland was next with 667 points, or 317 above the average; and then Rockley, with 648 points, or 353 above the average. The distribution over the various subdivisions of the State was as follows:—Western Division, from 101 points above to 141 below; N.W. Plain, from 13 above to 245 below; C.W. Plain, from 771 above to 111 below; Riverina, from 68 above to 132 below; N.W. Slope, from 72 above to 278 below; C.W. Slope, from 102 above to 141 below; S.W. Slope, from 65 above to 174 below; N. Tableland, from 100 below to 535 below; C. Tableland, from 358 above to 1762 below; S. Tableland, from 190 above to 163 below; North Coast, from 581 below to 780 below; Hunter and Manning, from 317 above to 540 below; metropolitan, from 111 above to 216 below; South Coast, from 196 above to 86 below.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Organs, Pianolas, Billiard Table, Iron Safe, Furniture, etc.; at 12, Oculist's Operating Case, Medical and Surgical Instruments, Photographer's Outfit, Boot-patching Machine, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Barlow-street, at 11, Plant, Machinery, etc., of a Boot Factory; at 170 George-street West, at 2, Clothing, Carpets, Bed Clothing, etc.

GIBBS, SMITH, and CO.—At 112 Mary-street, Surry Hills, at 2, Stock of Groceries, Plant, Fittings, etc.

J. R. JONES.—At 18 Enmore-road, Newtown, at 11, Clothing, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At the Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Blankets, etc.; at 3, Jewellery, etc.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At the Rooms, at 11, Pianos, Carpets, Furniture, etc.

A. G. JENKINS.—At 58 Albion-street, Annandale, at 11, Furniture, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 235 Oxford-street, at 11, Watches, Plateware, Cutlery, Stationery, etc.

J. T. JONES.—At 94 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, at 11, Furniture, etc.

FERGUSON and GREVILLE.—At 72 King-street, Newtown, at 2.30, Gas Stoves, Furniture, etc.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

MOSSMAN and ELLIS.—At their Saleyards, at 1, Vealers, Porkers, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Eggs, Poultry, Honey, etc.

C. J. TURNER.—At his Rooms, at 1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, etc.; at 1.30, Eggs, Poultry, etc.; at 2.15, Poultry.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Rooms and Yards, at 1, Sucking Pigs, Pork, etc.; at 2, Eggs, Butter, Bacon, etc.; at 2.30, Poultry, etc.

A. M'ILLREE and CO.—At their Blacktown Yards, at 11.45, Cattle.

STATION PRODUCE.

G. H. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.30, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness; at Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

J. H. BEALE.—At Camperdown Yards, Horses.

A. G. JENKINS.—At 58 Albion-street, Annandale, at 11, Horse, Vehicles, and Harness.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. COWAN.—Corner Harris and George streets, at 11, Building Materials, etc.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At the City Mart, at 11.30, River Motor Boat.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The departure of the Newmarket Handicap candidate Larino was deferred for a few days for the purpose of testing the horse's soundness before sending him to Melbourne. He had displayed soreness about the shoulders some weeks back, and his trainer, Harry Rayner, desirous of knowing the worst on the spot, sent him a gallop over a short course on the Randwick tan track yesterday morning, and the horse returned to the rubbing boxes decidedly lame, in fact more so than he ever has been since he came from England. There were a few other candidates for Melbourne honours on the track. Neith, who looks a trifle light, ran five furlongs on the cinders, which was good going after the rain, in 1m 6s, and Virtu was out for useful work, while Maltine was bowling over a short course at a stout pace. Metallist and English were bracketed for a nine furlongs gallop, over the first seven of which English led the Metal gelding by a considerable distance, but in the run home Metallist beat the New Zealander by a dozen lengths in 2m 9s, on the tan, which was somewhat heavy. Lunar Light galloped attractively over a short course, but pulled off up the running. King Bee, Specimen, Necia, and Mogadore all spurted, and Metal King ran six furlongs in 1m 21s on the cinders, a distance which Rose of Lancaster traversed on the tan in 1m 22s. Sweet Home and San Jose ran five furlongs in 1m 9s, while Alteration, Adriatic, Vavasor, Borodino, and Son of Marsh did useful exercise. Varnicle ran five furlongs in 1m 9s on the cinders, and Vanadium a mile on the tan in 1m 52s.

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At Victoria Park, on Wednesday, the stewards held an inquiry into the running of two galloways in the Zetland Plate, with the result that Noreen, her owner (J. Smyth), trainer (M. Kavanagh), and rider (J. Bindon) were disqualified for six months. Ruffun, owner and trainer (P. W. Horan), and rider (P. Andrews) were similarly dealt with.

Our Canowindra correspondent writes:—At the annual meeting of the Canowindra Jockey Club the balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £58. The following officers were elected:—President and treasurer, Mr. T. J. Finn; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Boyd, Eugene Finn, and V. Blatchford; committee, Messrs. C. McDonagh, Edward Finn, R. Ayrton, Geo. Grant, A. H. Grant, J. Foley, C. Percival, A. Robinson, and Thos. Breen; secretary, Mr. M. J. Finn; judge, Mr. T. Callan. It was decided to join the Western District Racing Association, and to hold a £45 programme race meeting on April 16.

Our Braidwood correspondent yesterday wired:—The Hibernians have decided to hold a race meeting on March 17, when £64 will be given in prizes. The principal event, the St. Patrick's Handicap, carries £25 prize money.

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Zilka and Maltine left by train last night for Melbourne.

VICTORIAN TRAINING NOTES.

FLEMINGTON.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The weather was chilly this morning, with a fresh southerly wind. There was plenty of interest in work, however, the greater portion of which was done on the tan, which was very fast. An early start was made, and there was not enough light to distinguish what was taken to be Dhobi and Late Hours, whose last four furlongs were done in 53s. Prophecy did strong work, moving home from the four furlongs post in 54½s. Hauraki did even-time work. Ballantrae went very well indeed for five furlongs, which was accomplished in 1m 5s. Apple Pie went the same distance, but took 1m 7¼s, while Featherstitch, going well, did it in 1m 6s. Verenice had the better of Five Crown over nine furlongs in 2m 2s. King's Cross went on the sand for the same distance in 2m 4s, a performance just equalled by Saki. Akim Foo had a short spurt. Keynote and Barm did five furlongs in 1m 9s. Jack Smith ran a mile in 1m 49½s. Curtain Lecture and Pretty Peg from nearly a standing start covered five furlongs in 1m 6¾s. Alawa did some half-pacing, but handled himself tenderly. Scorcher, who has a cold, half-paced, and Enchanteur again pleased the spectators by running five furlongs in 1m 6s without an effort. Dyed Garments did a sound working gallop of a mile and a quarter in 2m 22s. Bright Steel and Cithara got over four furlongs on the sand in 54¾s. Sperry covered five furlongs in 1m 7s. Somnambulist and Le Jeune galloped a mile and three furlongs in 2m 35¾s. Captain White, Thistlebrook, and Flavian were in that order when four furlongs had been covered in 53¾s. Even Time did striding work. Nushka and Trafalgar left a mile behind in 1m 49¾s, and Lord Derby was in front of Mala when four furlongs on the sand had been completed in 53½s. Lady Bobadil ran the same distance in similar time. No Name slipped over five furlongs in 1m 8s. Soultine, though not out for time-making, got over six furlongs in 1m 19¼s.

CAULFIELD.

The weather was dull and threatening this morning, with a very cold wind blowing from the south, which reminded one of winter. The grass was closed; but several paid a special fee for the use of it. It was quite dark at 5 o'clock, when Kerlie galloped six furlongs. Iolaire had the better of Demolition for nine furlongs in 2m 5s. Naturin was let off with an easy task, having run six furlongs the previous morning in 1m 19½s. Golden Slipper and Belfry were not extended for six furlongs, run in 1m 22¾s. Notus found his way over nine furlongs in 2m 3¼s, and Lion followed in 2m 7¼s. Little Lad was not extended for a mile in 1m 49s. Contrite dashed off four furlongs in 52s; and Lord Carlyon a furlong more in 1m 5s. Orissa and Kilbride spurted four furlongs on the grass in the smart time of 50s. Lord Nolan made use of the same track for seven furlongs in 1m 30¼s, and evidently retains all his pace. La Bastille and Disturbance spurted. Corroboree had no trouble in running six furlongs in 1m 24s, and Monody travelled a furlong more in 1m 33¾s. Seddon was on the grass, and from a standing start ran five furlongs in 1m 3¼s. Signor and Carrissima did a good working gallop of a mile in 1m 52¼s. Wollara and Monitress took 2m 22s to get over a mile and a quarter, and Pius took 1m 58s for a mile. Tantalla, on sufferance, was several lengths in front of Tulkeroo, when nine furlongs had been run in 2m 4¾s. Boldol and Glare occupied 2m 23¼s running a mile. Irishman never once got his head for five furlongs on the grass in 1m 4¼s. Smart and Lennon did nothing. Grey Dawn bowled along for a mile in 1m 51s. Galeria, Salira, Dunolly, and Francis were down at the beach.

Scotland, Param, Sunny South, Flavine, Lady Whakatiki, Maltine, Lucre, Parsee, and Kurangai will arrive here this afternoon. Lavino will not come over.

TASMANIAN TURF CLUB.

PHOEBUS WINS ALL-AGED STAKES.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

The Tasmanian Turf Club's summer meeting was continued to-day in beautifully fine weather. The attendance was satisfactory. The sum of £7433 10s was put through the totalisator in its investments.

Highweight Handicap, 1m.—H. E. Brook's Kimbolton, 9st (Lewis), 1; J. Thompson's Clarissa, 8st 5lb (Dunn), 2; J. M'Kenna's Raheny, 8st 3lb (Farmer), 3. Nine started. Won by half a length, with two lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 44s. Dividends: Inside, 20s and 55s; outside, 18s and 40s.

All-aged Handicap, 6f.—R. C. Field's Phoebus, by Lecholme—Phoebe, 9st 4lb (M. Dunn), 1; A. E. Brock's The Nine, 8st 2lb (R. Lewis), 2; T. Reibb's Radiance, 7st 10lb (L. Dean), 3. Four started. Won by 2½ lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 15 1-5s. Dividends: Inside, 22s; outside, 37s.

Tamar Hurdle Race, about 2m.—H. C. Burns's Leeshore, by Lecholme—Syren, 11st 4lb (Bowerman), 1; Mr. Ikin's Holdsberg, 11st 6lb (C. Fysh), 2; W. L. Sidebottom's Reliance, 10st 8lb (Burn), 3. Seven started. Won by a length, with three lengths between second and third. Time, 4m 9s. Dividends: Inside, 16s and 18s; outside, 19s and 17s.

Charles Youl Handicap, 9f.—Mr. Wilson's Flavel, by Flavus—Lady Kernel, 8st 8lb (C. Bolton), 1; W. Clarke's Royal Star, 7st 12lb (M'Laughlan), 2; H. J. Snowball's Autumn, 7st 11lb (W. Brooks), 3. Nine started. Won by a head, with three lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 57 2-5s. Dividends: Inside, 21s and 93s; outside, 22s and 104s.

Limit Handicap, 7f.—O. T. Norton's Waterloo, by True Blue—Vesta, 9st 12lb (Harmer), 1; J. Bennett's Burnie, 9st 2lb (C. Bolton), 2; H. E. Brock's Langloh, 8st 2lb (Lewis), 3. Six started. Won by a long neck, with 2½ lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 31s. Dividends: Inside, £15 9s; outside, £15 10s.

Flying Stakes, 5f.—J. Buck's Mathinna, by Bundook—Fetter, 9st 2lb (W. Foulsham), 1; Godfrey and Mires' At Forkan, 7st 4lb (Bolton), 2; H. E. Brock's Warraweena, 8st 6lb (R. Lewis), 3. Thirteen started. Won by a neck, with a length and a half between second and third. Time, 1m 1 4-5s. Dividends: Inside, 26s and 9s; outside, 20s and 12s.

WOLLONGONG RACES.

BUSHGROVE WINS WOLLONGONG HANDICAP.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

The Wollongong Jockey Club's meeting, postponed from Tuesday last, took place to-day, when the weather conditions were more favourable. Telegraph communication has been arranged between the course and Sydney, and was in use for the first time to-day. The course was in excellent condition, and some good racing was witnessed. In the absence of Mr. H. Cox, Mr. J. Kirby acted as judge, and his decisions were never once questioned. A. Scowen was the most successful jockey of the day, piloting Point Piper to victory in the Kembla Welter, Larry in the Maiden Welter, and Bushgrove in the Wollongong Handicap. He also secured two seconds. The attendance was well up to the average. Results:—

Kembla Welter of 25 sovs, 7f.—T. M'Carthy's, jun., b g Point Piper, by Projectile—Hirondelle, 8st 7lb (A. Scowen), 1; E. Key's Victoria Cross, 9st 8lb (T. J. Woodgate), 2; J. O. Apperley's Bristol Bill, 8st (F. Connelly), 3. Only three started. Betting: 3 to 1 on Point Piper, 2 to 1 v Victoria Cross, 10 to 1 v Bristol Bill. From a good start Bristol Bill was first to show out and maintained a two-lengths' lead till the turn was reached, but at the home turn the favourite came with a good run and won easily by two lengths. Time, 1m 34½s.

Maiden Welter of 20 sovs, 6f.—L. Smith's b g Larry, by Ruenalf—Poppet, 9st (A. Scowen), 1; M. Quilkey's Arcadia, 8st 7lb (Connelly), 2; P. Nolan's Also, 8st (A. Kuhn), 3. Other starters: Glue King, 8st; Dorcas, 8st. Betting: 7 to 4 on Larry, 3 to 1 v Also, 5 to 1 v Arcadia, 10 to 1 each v Glue King and Dorcas. Arcadia was first to break the line, with the favourite in close attendance. This position was unaltered till the home turn was reached, when the favourite challenged Arcadia, and from there out a good race ensued, Larry gaining the judge's verdict by a length. Time, 1m 21¼s.

Show Stakes of 30 sovs, 6f.—J. O. Appleby's b m Vanora, by Glenore—Lizzie, 8st 7lb (Kuhn), 1; H. Fielder's Bushgrove, 7st 12lb (Scowen), 2; C. Hunt's Holmah (Meagher), 3. These were the only starters. Betting: 2 to 1 on Bushgrove, 3 to 1 v Vanora, 5 to 1 v Holmah. From the rise of the barrier Vanora and Bushgrove raced on equal terms the whole of the distance, but when within a few yards of the post Vanora got to the front and snatched the victory by half a head, Holmah being half a length away third. Time, 1m 19½s.

Trial Stakes of 20 sovs, 6f.—C. Hunt's b g Ulmus, by Hautboy—Mahita, 8st 12lb (Connelly), 1; L. Smith's Larry, 8st 5lb (Scowen), 2; R. England's Turnix (late Gloria), 8st (E. Cush), 3. Other starters: Arcadia, 8st 3lb; J.C., 8st. Betting: 5 to 4 v Turnix, 2 to 1 v Ulmus, 3 to 1 v Larry, 6 to 1 v Arcadia, 10 to 1 v J.C. Larry was first to show out from a bunch, and maintained the lead till the home turn was reached, where Ulmus challenged him, and gradually wearing him down won by half a length, with a similar distance separating second and third. Time, 1m 18½s.

Wollongong Handicap of 30 sovs, 1m.—H. Fielder's b m Bushgrove, by Grafton (imp.)—Xantippe, 8st 3lb (Scowen), 1; E. Key's Victoria Cross, 8st 8lb (Connelly), 2. Only two starters. Betting: 6 to 4 on Bushgrove, even money on Victoria Cross. Bushgrove led all the way and won by a neck. Time, 1m 46¼s.

MURRUMBURRAH RACES.

MURRUMBURRAH, Thursday.

The Murrumburrah races were continued to-day, when splendid sport was witnessed. The gate takings constituted a record. The fields were again large and finishes close. Results:—

Currawong Handicap.—Mr. Marks's Playfair, 8st 2lb (M'Hugh), 1; Mr. M'Kinnon's Celeris, 7st 5lb (M'Grath), 2; Mr. Fitzgerald's Dix, 3.

Trial Stakes, 6f.—Mr. Garry's Marconi, 6st 12lb (Hyland), 1; Mr. Chew's Ollie, 8st 7lb (M'Hugh), 2; Mr. Hockaday's Grizelle, 9st 5lb, 3.

Harden Handicap, 1m.—Mr. Marks's Playfair, 8st (M'Hugh), 1; Mr. M'Farlane's Hotstuff, 7st 7lb (Keir), 2; Mr. M'Grath's Carreno, 3. Won by half a head, with a head separating second and third. Time, 1m 53s.

Hack Race.—Mr. Phillips's Amber, 7st 12lb, 1; Mr. Ball's Homefleet, 7st 3lb, 2; Mr. Dewar's Crackcorn, 3.

Farewell Handicap.—Stoessel, 1; Lowlynn, 2; Fern, 3.

The protest entered by the owner of Snifter against Crackcorn in the Hack Race yesterday was dismissed by the stewards, and the race awarded to Crackcorn.

GOLF.

The general annual meeting of the Ballina Golf Club was held last Wednesday evening, at which the election of committee and officers for the ensuing year took place. Messrs. Geo. Wickham and Wm. Webster were elected vice-presidents; W. E. Kemp, Dr. Sanderson, Dr. Donovan, W. R. Morris, J. R. Willson, John Bagot, and Rev. Jas. Green members of committee; A. Ray Best treasurer; R. L. Andrews secretary.

CRICKET.

SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v CALLAN PARK.

BOWLING FEAT BY E. P. BARBOUR.

TEN WICKETS IN AN INNINGS.

This match was won easily by Sydney Grammar School. E. P. Barbour performed the feat of taking all 10 wickets of the Callan Park team. Scores:—

Callan Park.

Folkard, c Barry, b Barbour	56
Duff, c Lamrock, b Barbour	4
Dr. Moffitt, c Barry, b Barbour	3
O'Brien, b Barbour	5
Muston, c Pitt, b Barbour	0
Smith, b Barbour	18
Baker, b Barbour	3
Thompson, not out	11
M'Garvey, c Farrar, b Barbour	0
Leigh, b Barbour	0
M'Alister, b Barbour	0
Sundries	12
Total	112

Bowling.—Barbour, 10 for 46; Lamrock, 0 for 31; Barry, 0 for 18; Scott, 0 for 5.

Sydney Grammar School.

G. P. Barbour, retired	46
E. P. Barbour, st Smith, b O'Brien	77
Lamrock, c Folkard, b O'Brien	14
Buckle, c Moffitt, b O'Brien	19
Gregg, not out	38
Barry, c Leigh, b Smith	5
Prattan, not out	19
Sundries	18
Five for	236

SHIPPING COMPANIES AT CRICKET.

INTERSTATE v OVERSEA.

A match between interstate and oversea steam shipping companies was played at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday afternoon. The result was a draw. Interstate Companies, eight for 160 (Asser 83). Gregory, one for 44; Robertson, three for 20; Little, two for 37; Stratford, one for 37. Oversea Companies, seven for 115 (Lord 50, Robertson 33). Kelleway, four for 13; Evans, two for 10.

Rockdale beat North Sydney (2) on North Sydney Oval by 53 runs. For Rockdale, Tearkle scored 34 and 48 not out, Paul 41 not out, Wright 24. For North Sydney, Darling 50, Meadows 24. Bowling for Rockdale, M'Millan, five for 14 and six for 16; Vilrs, two for 14; and Paul, three for 20. For North Sydney, Jackson secured five wickets, Wheatley four wickets, Darling one; and Wall, one.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is hard for me to understand the position the selectors have taken in regard to S. E. Gregory. With 20 years of first-class cricket, and this and last year's form to guide them, they cannot make up their minds as to the advisableness of choosing him as a certainty for England. Surely the results of the forthcoming matches, with all the chances for and against, cannot be allowed to weigh against their present knowledge of his abilities. The result cannot make him a better or worse man than he is at present. The case of a comparatively untried man would be different. Gregory either is or is not an exposed form fit to go to England. To isolate a man by making him an uncertainty amongst a remainder of certainties is, under the circumstances, distinctly unfair.

And while the matter of the captaincy of the next Australian Eleven seems to be settled, allow me to state, although speaking "wise," it did not appear good tactics to allow bowlers with the possibilities and variety of delivery of Barnes and Gregory, as opposed to the stock bowlers, to look on for such a length of time whilst the Victorians were piling up such a huge total in their first innings in the last match. I am, etc., J. HOWARD.

THE 1909 AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—With the impression generally existing that the final selection of the Australian Eleven was not to be definitely decided upon until after the conclusion of the two matches against the Rest of Australia, a "surprise packet," forsooth, has come to light in effect that "nine certainties" had already been chosen. Now as to this probably many will agree with me that at this juncture this is extremely unwise, and in the end might bring the selectors into difficulties. As stated, the team, less five players, has been finally selected, and this irrespective of any fresh developments which arise in the trial matches starting to-morrow in Sydney. I would here like to ask the selectors a few pertinent questions:—Was not the intention of a match between the probable Australian Eleven and the Rest of Australia ostensibly to show the actual merit of the players as a whole? Then if so, and it should so happen—and quite possible—that any one or more players representing Rest of Australia should on actual merit or performances excel any of these so-called "certainties," would not this premature selection reduce matters as now existing to the highest pinnacle of absurdity?

Of course, the best reply to my queries, I take it, would be results; and if the selectors in their naming their certainties should happen to come off, then in the face of circumstances it must be attributed more to luck than good judgment. Howbeit, with the figures and performances before me of other players than those named as "certainties," the selection of last-named is a somewhat too confident step, and, I maintain, open to much question.

I am, etc.,

Feb. 4. F. J. IRONSIDE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Now that the selectors have decided on nine to go to England, the choosing of the remaining five makes the task fairly difficult. It is premature at this stage, seeing that two trial matches are to be played to allocate the vacant positions, except that one must be the second wicketkeeper. I am not concerned about him, but after having seen and studied big cricket for many years outside New South Wales as well as within, I cannot understand sporting writers advocating so strongly the claims of M'Alister. Granted that he is a very fair bat of the defensive type he is no better than he was 10 years ago, and as is well known he was dropped out of some of last year's test matches. He has not anything like as good an average as either Gehrs or Hopkins, both of whom also have two other advantages, viz., they can bowl, and they have a big advantage in age. M'Alister has done yeomen service in his State, which, however, shows out much more prominently than it would here, because Victoria has not developed more than two or three great cricketers during the past five years, and en passant will not until they give up their hybrid system of local cricket, as well as revert to three selectors. But to return to the main theme. Of the four remaining to be chosen, they must come from Gehrs, Hopkins, Bardsley, Simpson, Hazlitt, and Gregory, unless Barnes continues his recent bowling performances. Bardsley seems a certainty, and I would be inclined to fill the vacancies with Gehrs, Hopkins, and Hazlitt. That will give as the team—Noble, Trumper, Carter, Macartney, Cotter, Hopkins, Bardsley, Armstrong, Ransford, Hazlitt (Victoria), O'Connor, Gehrs (S.A.), Hartigan (Q.), and the second wicketkeeper, either Gorry or Carkeek. Unfortunately, out of these there is not a slow bowler, but would any of our "Bosies" be a success at home? Another Trott is a very different thing, but you can't get his class except very rarely, and there hasn't been one since he retired. Seeing that the "Bosie" style of bowling hasn't lasted in England I would much prefer Hazlitt to Barnes, even if the latter does come off again. I believe Hazlitt would be a great success on English wickets, and I have watched him play ever since he began big cricket. However, it is to be hoped the best team on present form will be chosen, no selections from sentiment of any particular State or because someone or more have been anxious for years to go home. I haven't overlooked the little wonder, and no one would be better pleased if Gregory was so successful during the next two weeks as to displace some of those now considered to hold a better chance. I am, etc.,

Feb. 3. SCRUTATOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The omission of Bardsley from the certainties must have surprised the supporters of cricket. He appears to be just the stamp of colt wanted, both on account of his cricketing abilities and his personal qualities.

The so-called test match is not a test at all. On one side the player feels that he is fighting for life, and a mistake may be fatal; while those on the other side will be able to do their very best free from any fear of failure. Bardsley, for instance, has unmistakably proved his worth; but if he gets a poor score it may be used as an argument against his selection. Should one of the certainties not score, he need only smile, as it will not affect his position, so it is easy to see the unfair advantage of the certainties. It is no test match. The fact is that no certainties at all should have been picked, or the whole 14 should have been definitely selected.

If the match were "Probables" v "Possibles," the players would meet on more equal terms, as all then would be playing for position in the XI.

Should Ransford not succeed in the coming match, no one would expect him to be discarded on that account. The same should apply to Bardsley, for he has already proved his ability to score heavily against the very best of bowlers, and that is all that can be needed.

It would be a great pity not to include this promising young player, and I am sure all real well-wishers of the Australian XI are very desirous that he should be a member. Experience with the varied English wickets and bowling would no doubt make Bardsley a truly great batsman.

I am certain the public will not feel satisfied unless he is selected, even if the number has to be increased to 15. I am, etc., G. T. M.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As one of the public who helps to keep sport alive, kindly permit me to call attention to what I consider a direct breach of faith on the part of the selectors of the team for England.

It was announced through the press, and I take it with some authority, that no more certainties were to be picked until after the match was played in Melbourne.

To the great surprise of those "not in the know," it is now given out that the selectors have chosen another four players as "certs," leaving, presumably, five more to be picked.

Why not complete the team and publish it right out, instead of springing surprises every hour? We are also told that the three "uncertainties" are not to consider themselves as picked for the Australian Eleven, but once in, as they are now, it will take a very bad performance to put them out.

Great surprise is being expressed on all sides that Bardsley did not find a place in the Australian Eleven. I think the selectors could have given him a place, and thus greatly strengthened the batting and fielding of the Eleven. It has been said that he has been put in the second team to make a game of it, but, sir, we must remember at present all are playing for keeps, and if the first Eleven could stay in till they made a thousand it would be a golden endorsement of the selectors' wisdom.

Then Mr. Clem Hill "wants to see him bat!" That's too thin! He's seen him bat before to his sorrow, and I believe has himself tipped him as the colt on whose shoulders his mantle would fall.

I could pick at least four of the certainties whose chance should have lain a very poor second to young Bardsley's. Put him in the team, and there's not a handful of "sports" in Australia would put a finger up. He's a sturdy, healthy, athletic young cricketer, whose average as a batsman, to say nothing of his fielding, has seldom, if ever, been reached before by any colt matriculating for a trip to England.

Those who saw him give that chanceless display for 192 against Victoria (and mind it is on the cards that somewhere in that seven or eight thousand at least two of the three selectors had an eye on him) got a treat which very rarely occurs in first-class cricket.

I trust, sir, that the selectors will, in their wisdom, and for the sake of the good old game, think as I do, even if they make up their minds before the Melbourne match comes off.

I am, etc., "SPORT."

Feb. 3.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The statement reported by Mr. J. A. Dobbie in to-day's issue, "Some surprise will be expressed that Bardsley has not been included in the Eleven. Probably the explanation is that Mr. C. Hill, who has only seen his half-century at Adelaide, and missed his 192 against Victoria, wishes to have a further opportunity of judging the capabilities of the Glebe colt," makes interesting reading, but the latter portion of it is not founded on fact, for Mr. Hill had ample opportunity of judging Bardsley's prowess while the latter was compiling 119 against South Australia on the Sydney Cricket Ground a few weeks ago. Mr. Hill was captain of the visiting team. Seemingly a cricketer's ability are not the only requisites required to entitle him to a position in an Australian eleven. He must, like every applicant for a responsible mercantile position, have influence, as well as ability. If Bardsley be omitted from the team, he will have met the fate of J. R. M. Mackay, Victor Trumper (who, however, was finally chosen to go on half share conditions), A. E. Trott, J. F. Giller, J. H. Stuckey, and one or two others whose performances in their different departments entitled them to be chosen. The same statement regarding Messrs. Hill and Bardsley was made in reference to Gorry when the lastnamed was chosen as wicket-keeper against South Australia—Mr. Hill wanted to see how he shaped. Well, he had the opportunity of judging his form in the Noble testimonial match just 12 months ago. In that match Gorry allowed but three byes in a total of 561. Moreover, he kept wickets in the return match N.S.W. v England, allowing one bye in 298, and three byes in 456 runs, which gives a total of seven byes in 1323 runs. These performances apparently have been forgotten, and the player in question is still on his trial. The most important position in a team for practical purposes is, to my mind, that of wicket-keeper. There is no certainty that H. Carter, who has been chosen as first wicket-keeper, will prove equal to the strenuous tour which starts in May and ends in September, with practically only Sundays intervening. On the score of cleverness, there is no question that Carter is entitled to the position, but stamina as well as cleverness is required, so that the position of second wicket-keeper is a most important one. Carkeek is a keeper of undoubted ability, while Dodds is highly spoken of. Thus the Kenny Burn and P. M. Newland farces will not be repeated this time.

I am, etc., J. J. DAVIS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Kindly allow me space to make a few remarks anent the forthcoming selection of wicket-keeper. We must not forget the farcical proceedings which resulted when they picked Newland as second wicket-keeper. During the whole tour I feel confident he did not officiate in that position more than six times. As everybody knows, he was an absolute failure, and I believe on different occasions Gehrs, Howell, Duff, and M'Leod had to take the gloves, so that Kelly could have a spell.

I cannot too strongly advocate the inclusion of Charles R. Gorry. As Cotter is a moral certainty, I have no hesitation in stating that Gorry is the only one who can take his bowling all through a strenuous English tour. He has kept wickets weekly against Cotter for six seasons, with results which are well known to all of us.

Major Trevor (an authority we must all acknowledge), in an article in the "Herald" last year, gave his opinion that Gorry should be the first wicket-keeper for Australia in what must be a hard English tour. We all remember the manner in which Gorry took wickets in the Noble testimonial match, and even then the public were unanimous in declaring him a worthy successor to Kelly.

An expert wicket-keeper is just as good to a team and is absolutely equal to a great bowler, inasmuch as, if he gets no runs with the bat, he saves them otherwise. A man who can through a long season without his hands giving in, and can be relied upon to take all changes in the bowling, must be the absolute mainstay of his side. I have no fear in stating that Gorry is equal to that, and I trust shortsightedness in the selectors' eyes, through the fact that the premier State is providing the majority of the players, should not be the means of eliminating Gorry's name from the list of players to represent us in England. I am, etc, JACK JAMIESON.

BOWLS.

WAVERLEY CLUB COMPETITIONS.

RESULTS AND DRAWS.

The following are the results of the first round of the Waverley Club's competitions in the championship, pairs, and general handicaps, as well as the qualifying and second rounds of the novice handicap:—

Championship.—King beat Clubb, 31-16; Fitzgerald beat Dean (card not available); F. Martin beat Tipper, 31-10; Wahlberg beat Chandler, 31-30; Hope beat Cox, 31-25; Evans beat Nicholls, 31-8; Parsons beat Irvine, 31-22; Dr. Burge beat James, 31-8; Barnes beat Harden, 31-14. Fairweather received bye from McNaughton, J. T. Martin received bye from Hemmingway, Fullwood received bye from Jones; Graham, Dyson, Barkell, and Morrison, byes.

General Handicap.—Harden (12) beat Jacobs (8), 31-26; Davall (6) beat Comans (10), 31-25; Andrews (12) beat Cohen (10), 31-25; Dr. Barkas (6) beat Fullwood (6), 31-20; Barnes (8) beat Fairweather (4), 31-16; Duncan (8) beat Gough (11), 31-26; Morrison (3) beat Clubb (9), 31-20; S. B. King (scr) beat Bell (4), 31-22; E. Gelding (7) beat J. Graham (4), no card available; Wahlberg (scr) v W. Hughes (8), no card available; J. F. Cox (scr) beat Dyson (6), 31-22; J. F. Martin (scr) beat Dean (3), no card available; J. Barkell (3) beat Wilkinson (7), 31-25; J. L. King (12) beat Grimley (12), 31-28; F. Martin (6) beat McNaughton (4), 31-20; Rutherford (9) beat Mowle (5), 31-24; Swanson (12) beat Morphew (12), 31-15; W. J. Graham (12) beat Levy (12), 31-15; Wynne (6) beat James (8), 31-25; Jessep (5) beat Evans (scr) 31-10; Hurley (2) beat Stewart (10), 31-21; Hope (5) beat Tipper (9), 31-21; Hartley (9) beat J. W. Cox (12), 31-24; Nicholls (4) beat Dr. Burge (5), 31-29. Howes received forfeit from Jones, Parsons received forfeit from Chandler. The following had byes: Hemmingway, Bransgrove, Bedford, Keith, Fitzgerald.

Pairs Handicap.—Keith and Fairweather (3) beat Dr. Barkas and Hope (2), 21-11; Morphew and J. F. Martin (4) beat J. L. King and Nicholls (4), 21-9; Bowman and Fitzgerald (scr) beat Nathan and J. Barkell (3), 21-20; Jacobs and Hemmingway (2) beat Cohen and Evans (scr), 21-12; Harden and J. F. Cox (2) beat Hartley and Hurley (2), 21-13; Bedford and Chandler (3) beat Tipper and Davall (4), 21-17; Stewart and Parsons (2) beat Comans and Bell (2), 21-20; W. Hughes and Dr. Burge (3) beat W. J. Graham and J. Graham (4), 21-17; Wilkinson and F. Martin (2) beat Rutherford and Morrison (2), 21-16; J. W. Cox and Dyson received bye from Jones and Jessep, Wahlberg and Gough received bye from James and Mowle. The following had byes: Barnes and Bransgrove, Wynne and Clubb, Duncan and Dean, King and Dr. Ludlow, E. Gelding and Fullwood.

Novice Handicap.—Qualifying round: Comens received bye from Mitchell, Hartley received bye from Whiteley. Second round: Stewart (2) beat Morphew (5), 15-10; Andrews (5) beat Clubb (2), 15-6; Jagelman (5) beat Nathan (4), 15-14; Comans (4) beat Bransgrove (3), 15-11; E. Gelding (scr) beat Gough (4), 15-14; Harden (4) beat Jacobs (scr), 15-12; Grimley (5) beat Levy (5), no card available; Dr. Ludlow (5) beat Douglas (5), 15-13; W. J. Graham (4) beat Abigail (5), 15-9; C. Barkell received bye from Jones, J. W. Cox received bye from T. Fairweather, Swanson received bye from Hewlett, R. W. Hughes received bye from Seaton, Hartley received bye from Foley, Wilkinson received bye from Flowers.

The following is the draw for the second round of the championship, general and pairs handicap, and the third round of the novice handicap:—

Championship.—Hope v S. B. King, Fullwood v Fitzgerald, J. Graham v J. F. Martin, Barnes v Parsons, F. Martin v Dyson, Morrison v J. Barkell, R. J. Fairweather v Evans, Dr. Burge v Whalberg.

General Handicap.—W. T. Nicholls (4), v A. J. Barnes (8), T. Jessep (5) v E. H. Parsons (4), F. Rutherford (9) v Howes (12), J. Bransgrove (9) v G. Hemmingway (3), W. J. Bedford (8) v A. Keith (8), E. Gelding (7) v M. J. Fitzgerald (scr), S. B. King (scr) v C. Morrison (3), F. J. Harder (12) v E. Whalberg (scr), S. C. Swanson (12) v W. J. Graham (12), F. Martin (6) v W. Wynne (6), J. L. King (12) v H. Hartley (9), P. J. Hurley (2) v J. Duncan (8), Barkas (6) v W. Hope (5), W. Andrews (12) v W. Davall (6), J. F. Cox (scr) v L. H. Nathan (10), J. F. Martin (scr) v J. Barkell (3).

Pairs.—W. Hughes and Dr. Burge (3) v Dr. Ludlow and S. B. King (3), J. W. Cox and Dyson (4) v Duncan and Dean (3), E. Gelding and Fullwood (2) v Harden and J. F. Cox (2), A. S. Jacobs and G. Hemmingway (2) v Bedford and Chandler (3), Bowman and Fitzgerald (scr) v Keith and R. J. Fairweather (3), Gough and Wahlberg (scr) v Barnes and Bransgrove (4), F. Morphew and J. F. Martin (4) v Clubb and Wynne (4), F. Martin and Wilkinson (2) v Parsons and Stewart (2).

Novice.—S. C. Swanson (5) v W. G. Graham (4), E. Gelding (scr) v J. Jagelman (5), R. Stewart (2) v R. W. Hughes (4), H. Hartley (5) v J. W. Cox (5), J. L. King (2) v E. H. Wilkinson (scr), C. Barkell (4) v Dr. Ludlow (5), J. F. Harden (4) v W. Andrews (5), G. Grimley (5) v W. J. Comans (3).

DUBBO, Thursday.

The Wellington and Dubbo bowling clubs met at Dubbo in the matches for the association shield and Singer's trophy. Dubbo won by 75 to 72. In the Singer match Wellington was victorious, 70 to 68.

LAWN TENNIS.

LADIES' BADGE MATCHES.

CHALLENGE ROUND.

The final (challenge) round in this competition will be played at the courts of the Birchgrove Club at Balmain next Saturday afternoon between Strathfield No. 1 and Mosman No. 1. The Birchgrove Club will provide the balls for the match, and both teams will be the guests of the club for the afternoon.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

ANNANDALE BICYCLE CLUB.

The following riders have been selected to represent the club in the Griffiths' Shield competition to-morrow.—J. Weston, R. Hazelton, E. Slevin; W. Bates, J. Dredge, emergencies.

CYCLING CARNIVAL.

The carnival promoted by the Sydney, Redfern, and Swift clubs, and which was postponed on Monday night on account of the rain, will be held on Wednesday next.

CROW'S NEST BICYCLE CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for the club's two-mile track race, to be run at the Sydney Sports Ground to-morrow:—

J. Blinshorn, W. F. Chapman, scr; W. Dillon, 50yds; H. Charlton, 100yds; A. Ward, H. Newman, 160yds; H. Holloway, 200yds; A. O'Connor, A. White, 260yds; A. Borig, 280yds; J. Hilder, 320yds; S. Chapman, E. Butcher, 400yds; J. Pittaway, 420yds.

The club's launch picnic will be held on Sunday to the head of Middle Harbour. A launch will leave Blue's Point at 9.30 a.m., and call en route at Milson's Point (at 9.15 a.m.) and the Spit (at 10.30 a.m.).

ROCKDALE AND DISTRICT BICYCLE CLUB.

Following are the handicaps for the one mile track race, to be run by the Rockdale Club at the Sports Ground to-morrow:—

A. G. Meeves, H. W. Jenner, W. C. Smith, scr; H. Jenkins, 20yds; H. Smith, 30; F. Fallick, 40; H. Smith, 45; C. Jenkins, 50; C. Beer, J. Asquith, 60; H. Bennett, 65; J. Brooks, 70; A. Donney, 75; J. Stewart, 90; W. Barry, 95; F. E. Thompson, 100; C. Froud, 110; W. M'Leod, 120; J. Cooper, 130; A. Lake, 145; G. Barnidge, 155.

LILY BICYCLE CLUB.

The following have been selected to represent the above club in the Griffiths' Shield, to be decided to-morrow:—V. King, L. C. Clark, A. M. Green, W. L. Gall, and M. Perkins.

BOTANY BICYCLE CLUB.

The above club has decided to hold a 10 miles consolation race on Saturday, February 13, which will wind up the present racing season. The event will be decided over the Bunnerong course, starting and finishing at Thornton's Newmarket Hotel. Entries will close with the hon. secretary a week previous to the contest.

ATHLETICS.

UGANDA "MARATHON."

FINE PERFORMANCE BY NATIVE RUNNERS.

A "Marathon race," for natives of the Uganda Protectorate, took place on November 9 (says a Reuter message) in connection with the important Industrial Exhibition which was held at Kampala to celebrate the King's birthday. There were 48 competitors, representing the fleetest runners in each of the four kingdoms comprised in the Protectorate, and an intense spirit of rivalry animated all the tribes concerned.

The course measured exactly 26 miles, and lay along the high road between Entebbe and Kampala. The runners were followed the whole way by European cyclists, and their progress was intimated to the expectant crowds in the Exhibition by telephones established at various distances along the course. In spite of the fact that much rain fell, and that the track was consequently heavy, the winner reached the post in the remarkable time of 3 hours and 3 minutes, or only 7 minutes in excess of the Shepherd's Bush record. He is a native of the Kingdom of Buganda, named Kapere, about 23 years of age, and of average physique. The winners of the second and third prizes were only 15 seconds and 3 minutes respectively behind the first man.

None of the runners had had any special training, and the winners reached the post in excellent condition. There is little reason to doubt that, under more favourable conditions as to weather and condition of the ground, the Uganda runners would have easily beaten the Shepherd's Bush Olympic record. It is possible that Uganda may, therefore, be represented at the next Olympic Games.

SAILING.

BALMAIN AMATEUR CLUB.

A general handicap will be held by this club over the Goat Island, Watson's Bay, pilelight, and Shark Island course to-morrow. The entries and handicaps are:—Grace Darling (H. Booth), scr (work), scr (lead); Volt (T. Thommond), 5m, 8m; Daphne (C. Smith), 11m, 10m; Roette (A. Young), 10m, 13m; Ivy (R. Crawford), 18m, 16m; Vera (W. Douglas), 18m, 16m; Eda (W. Treloar), 20m, [illegible].

SWIMMING.

RANDWICK AND COOGEE CLUB.

The above club held a 66 yards handicap at the Coogee Aquarium baths on Wednesday evening last. Results:—First heat: L. Brown, 13s, 1; A. Firkin, [illegible], 2; S. Kaufman, 4s, 3. Time, 53 1-5s. Second heat: J. Green, 6s, 1; L. M'Lenahan, 4s, 2; T. Devine, 4s, 3. Time, 46 4-5s. Third heat: A. Hinds, 0s, 1; C. Newton, 10s, 2; J. Dexter, 9s, 3. Time, 46 4-5s. Fourth heat: R. Todd, 17s, 1; W. Reynolds, 7s, 2; W. E. Buncombe, 15s, 3. Time, 53 4-5s. Fifth heat: E. Gooding, 13s, 1; F. Thompson, 11s, 2; H. Hill, 13s, 3. Time, 51s. Final: R. Todd, 17s, 1; E. Gooding, 13s, 2; J. Green, 6s, 3. Time, 53 2-5s.

REDFERN CLUB.

The handicaps for the above club's 220 yards event, to be decided at Coogee Aquarium baths on Monday evening, are:—V. Miley, scr.; W. Watson, R. Grainger, 5s; F. Reddan, 9s; J. Mostyn, R. Nathan, 14s; R. Fitzpatrick, 15s; C. Hobson, 21s; L. Byrnes, 24s; C. Chuce, E. Crimson, E. Collins, 26s; R. Cook, D. Cohen, W. Sleet, V. Woolfe, 30s; S. Darmody, A. Freeman, 43s; N. Foote, H. M'Kenzie, 47s; W. Gee, H. Wylie, 50s; J. Nylon, C. Mullinger, 72s; L. Davis, G. Ludvigsen, 80s.

HOW MAHONY SWAM THE CHANNEL.

An American, Sam Mahony, who claims that he swam the English Channel from Sangatte, France, to the South Foreland last year, has been feted at Chicago by a number of people who evidently believe that Mahony's claim is founded on something more than imagination.

Mahony (says the "Sporting Chronicle") made a speech attempting to justify his claims. He said that there has been considerable doubt cast upon his having accomplished the feat, and his answer to his critics was that he was ready to undertake the journey again next year, and that whatever errors of omission were made when he made the swim in September would be rectified the next time. He said he would even ask the King of England to take the trip in the tugboat!

The following is a description of the last quarter-mile of the swim, which was given by a gentleman named Hamblin, who apparently "made the trip with him":—

"Mahony's legs were useless," said Mr. Hamblin, "but his arms were still going grand. Mahony turned over on his breast and used a double overarm stroke, trailing his legs. About 100 yards from shore I pulled up beside him and wrenching the American flag from the stern of the boat, handed it to the swimmer, and shouted, 'Carry it ashore and plant it in old England.' He took the flag. In half a dozen strokes he would touch bottom. His legs refused to support him, and he fell twice, but staggered on. When in water up to his waist a wave a foot and a half high knocked him over. He clung to the flag and stumbled on, half swimming and half walking, until he took the flag ashore, where he went down for good, and the greatest swim on record was finished."

WAVERLEY CLUB'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

The annual championship of the Waverley Club will be held at Bond's Bronte Baths on Saturday. The principal event is the "Flying Hundred," in which Cecil Healy is conceding the following starts:—H. Hardwick, 1s; Alick Wickham, 2s; L. Solomon, 6s; L. Boardman, 4s; and A. Barry, 5s. Another important feature is the 440 yards championship of the eastern districts, in which Ross Garland will compete. For the first time in Sydney a tub and mop fight will be produced.

SURF BATHING.

BONDI CARNIVAL.

The date for the second annual gymkhana of the Bondi Surf-bathers' Life-saving Club has been fixed for Saturday, February 13, at Wonderland City.

Large entries for the various events have been received, and the interclub competitions will be keenly contested. Competition for the Flegeltaub cup, at present held by the Bondi Surf-bathers L.S.C., will cause keen excitement. Several novel and interesting items have been placed in the programme.

The Surf-bathing Association have appointed officials for the management of the different events.

THE GUN.

BATHURST, Thursday.

At the Bathurst Gun Club's grounds on Wednesday shooting for the Kyock trophy, Place Major, at 22yds, won a leg in with 7 kills. Other shooters were:—Dudley, 22yds, 6 kills; H. Press, 24yds, 5; H. Whalan, 21yds, 2; A. Cuter, 21yds, 2. Several sweeps were shot, the winners being:—Number 1, Dudley, 12 kills; No. 2 and 3, Major, 7 and 3 kills respectively; No. 4, divided, Major and Dudley, 3 kills.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

MEETING OF CABMEN.

The Cabmen's Union met on Wednesday evening to consider a dispute with cab proprietors. These let out cabs at 6s a day. The cabmen are compelled to work seven days a week, and in the event of taking a day off have in some cases to pay their 6s, and in others 3s. Others are employed direct by the owners, and receive £1 a week and keep. They complain that their working hours begin at 8 a.m., and do not end until midnight, and sometimes when parties or balls are on 2 or 3 a.m.

The secretary of the union advocated a conference, but owing to some objection being offered to this, it was decided to postpone the consideration of the subject.

Reference was made to the possibility of taxi-cabs being introduced. It was decided that, provided no preference was given on the ranks, no objection should be offered.

A communication from Victoria that £300 had recently been presented to the union was received with applause.

DOMESTIC WORKERS.

At a meeting of the Domestic Workers' Society, held at the Trades Hall last evening, the method of working registry offices was discussed. Several speakers thought that when a worker was out of employment he ought not to be put to monetary inconvenience by his efforts at getting employment through an agency. It was suggested that a co-operative agency should be established in the city.

VISITORS WELCOMED.

Mr. Hannan, representing the Interstate Cooks and Stewards' Union, and Mr. P. H. Hickey, a delegate from the Federation of Miners in New Zealand, who has come to assist in an arrangement with the Newcastle Colliery Employees' Federation for the general linking-up of miners' interests, were welcomed to last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council.

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SUBURBAN NEWS.

A SEPARATION MOVEMENT.

A feeling of discontent at the treatment of Peakhurst Ward of the Hurstville municipality by the local council led to the calling of a meeting at Hale's Hall, Mortdale on Friday evening. The member for the district (Mr. Varney Parkes) presided.

A motion was moved by Mr. G. Ferguson,—"That it is in the best interests of the ratepayers to have Peakhurst Ward declared a separate municipality." The mover contended that separation should have taken place ten or fifteen years ago. Money had been wasted in the excessive cost of works, and although they were rated at £1100 per annum they got little or nothing for it.

Alderman Charlesworth, a representative of Peakhurst Ward, said the council was appointing new officers, and if separation came about after these appointments were made the council would be left with the burden. There was a great difference between Peakhurst and the other portions, and the time had not arrived when they should go on with extravagant works as in the other wards, where population was greater. The drainage schemes of Woodville Ward and a proposed Town Hall would run into £10,000, and if these works were done some of the money that paid for them would be theirs.

Alderman Cook, another representative of Peakhurst Ward, quoted figures to show that it would cost £1181 to run a new council, and as their present quota to the expenses was £591, he asked them was it not better to have £590 per annum for effective works than impose a rate of 4 1-5d to give them £445 for new work, which was the limit of their power to tax.

Alderman Ley, a representative of Woodville Ward, said it was their ignorance of the Local Government Act and its ordinances, their ignorance of the operations of the council, that made the Peakhurst representatives call such a foolish meeting and misrepresent the doings of the council.

On the motion being put, it was carried by 14 votes to 8, although the attendance was stated as 150. A motion that a petition be drawn up and signed for presentation to the proper authorities was also carried.

BURWOOD LOAN.

Approval was received by the Burwood Council last week to the temporary borrowing of £700 to carry on work until rates for the year come in. The council, through the Mayor (Alderman J. Gregg), expressed its gratification at the prompt approval of the Minister for Works to its request for permission to borrow.

A PETERSHAM BOUNDARY.

The boundary between Petersham and Camperdown, which has just been absorbed by the City Council, is arousing some local discussion. Alderman Barry, at the last meeting of the Petersham Council, presented a petition from many ratepayers, who asked that their properties should be retained within the boundaries of Petersham. The council deferred consideration of the matter, as a letter from the City Council dealing with it was expected.

STOCK DRIVING REGULATIONS.

The Strathfield Council has been asked by that of Homebush to remove the time limit now fixed for travelling stock along Parramatta-road and Potts-street routes for three months, in order to allow of the councils concerned readjusting their regulations on the subject. Alderman Price explained that the Homebush Council merely desired the Strathfield body to allow stock to leave the yards as at present. The Mayor (Alderman T. F. H. Mackenzie) pointed out that the council could not now alter its decision and ordinances on the subject. He added that in the old times there were always one or two drovers who took undue advantage of the privileges allowed. Alderman Gordon said that stock drivers had no objection to the Strathfield regulations. The matter was then dropped.

WIDENING OF STREETS.

Alderman Reed, at the Burwood Council's last meeting, moved that the works committee and aldermen of the East Ward should inquire into the best way of altering, widening, and straightening Young, Grosvenor, Queen, Boundary, and Webb streets, and consider the advisability of acquiring land for an extension of Wyatt-avenue to Weldon-street. Most of the aldermen approved of the scheme in principle, but they could not agree to action being taken in only one ward. It is likely that the subject will come up again, for all of the popular and fashionable localities in the Western Suburbs, Burwood has more than its due share of crooked and narrow thoroughfares. Meantime, however, the road leading to Strathfield railway station is in a more dangerous condition than ever from lack of attention, but the Burwood Council considers the maintenance of the road a charge upon the Railway Commissioners. It is only a matter of time when the council may be compelled to face this question, and the money which would be spent in legal proceedings would probably repair Bridge-road three times.

HORNSBY SCHOOL OF ARTS.

The twentieth annual meeting of the above institution was held last week, the president, Mr. P. C. Law occupying the chair. The report showed that the there are 220 members on the books, and that the library now contains some 2152 volumes, an increase of 62 since the last general meeting. The total receipts on general account amounted to £289 2s 5d, and expenditure to £150 12s 3d, leaving a credit balance of £138 10s 2d. The new building fund account shows a debit balance of £1550. The total liabilities amount to £1649 7s 6d, and the assets to £3763 10s 2d.

ELECTRICITY VERSUS GAS.

The Glebe Council at its meeting on Monday had under consideration the lighting of the municipality by electricity. A letter was read from Messrs. Grace Bros. asking for permission to run electric light and power cables to their shops on the Glebe-road. Mr. Lewis G. Abram, proprietor of the Co-operative Broom and Brush Company, wrote asking the council's intentions with respect to allowing electric power to be installed in the municipality.

A letter was read from Messrs. Kent, Brierley, and Sully stating that they would be glad to enter into negotiations with the Glebe Council with a view to obtaining for a term of years the right to run their cables through the streets upon overhead wires, for the purpose of supplying current for street lighting and private consumers.

It was decided, on the motion of Alderman Leese, to refer the whole question to the general purposes and finance committee of the council for report.

BUSINESSES FOR SALE OR WANTED.

WARDEN, Hoffnung's-chambers, 163 Pitt-st, next to G.P.O.

WARDEN.—Hotel, suburban, lease 12 years, rent £4 10s week, trade 15 x 36's weekly, £2000.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st.—Hotel, main suburban road, lease 10 years, rent £6, takings £80 wkly., £1150.

WARDEN.—Hotel, commanding suburban corner, lease 14 years, low rent, takings average over £100 week, comfortable dwelling, easily clear £1200 year, £3000. 163 Pitt-street.

WARDEN.—Hotel, in busy city street, very long lease, takings £50 weekly, up-to-date prem., £1250.

WARDEN.—Hotel, 40 miles from city, lease 12 years, rent £3, takings £50 weekly, £600. 163 Pitt-st.

WARDEN, 163 Pitt-st. Hotel, working locality, lease 8 years, rent £2 10s wk., 6 x 27's wkly., £325.

A COUNTRY hotel, in a thriving town, west, is to close doors in two and a half years. The proprietor will treat for the lease for the term, and the furniture for £65 right out, rent 30s to 40s, for an immediate Sale. WARDEN, 163 Pitt-street, next G.P.O.

FRUIT, Greengrocery Business, suburbs, dwelling, 5 rooms, trade £20 wkly., horse, cart, harness, £60. GIBBS, SMITH, and CO., 114A Pitt-street. (325)

HIGH-CLASS Boarding Establishment, Darlinghurst, 20 rooms, always full, £700. GIBBS, SMITH, and CO., 35 P.O.-chambers. (325)

NEWS AGENCY, Stationery, city, dwelling, 1250 papers weekly, shop trade £13, £125. GIBBS, SMITH, and CO., 35 P.O.-chambers. (321)

HAIRDRESSING, Tobacconist, trade £30 weekly, well fitted, best position, £160. GIBBS, SMITH, and CO., 114A Pitt-street. (330)

NEWS AGENCY, city, large shop trade, large dwelling, 8000 papers, fully blocked, big stock, rent 25s, £300. GIBBS, SMITH, and CO., 114A Pitt-st.

RYAN, Agent, 8 Post Office-chambers, 114A Pitt-st, immediately opposite G.P.O. Telephone, 3030.

RYAN.—Hotel, city, big country connection, takes £100 weekly, £1450; Hotel, subs., tak. £40, £500.

RYAN.—Hotel, popular seaside resort, lease 7 yrs., rent £2 10s, tak. avg. £50 wk., 6 x 36's, £750.

RYAN.—Hotel, thickly populated area, rent £3, £300; Hotel, city, 5 x 36's, tak. £30 wk., £425.

RYAN.—Hotel, handy sub., 6 years' lease, takes £25, small loan, £200; Hotel, city, tak. £160, £3000.

RYAN.—Hotel, Northern line, leading house, 10 yrs.' lease, takes £120, £2500; Hotel, ctry., £300.

RYAN.—Hotel, South Coast, 9 years' lease, takes £80 wk., £1400; Hotel, ctry., tak. £30, £350.

RYAN.—Hotel, city., 10 years, takes £90 wk., cash £900; Hotel, manuf. town, takes £60, £600.

JOSEPH and CO., Business Agents, estab. 1866. Largest register Business, Boarding-houses. 106 King-st.

HIGH-CLASS Boarding Establishment, water frontage, 30 rooms, billiard-room, tennis court, every conv., beautifully furnished, Grand piano, always full, genuine reasons selling, £2500. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-st.

BOARDING-HOUSE, Wynyard-square, 14 rooms, nicely furnished, good piano, rent 40s, very large connec., same hands 12 yrs., 14 boarders, urgent reasons selling, £160. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

LODGING-HOUSE, city, 9 rms., rent 20s, neatly furnished, same hands 5 years, £60. Joseph and Co.

GRILL and Tea Rooms, city, takings £30 weekly, trial, same hands years, £85. Joseph and Co.

BUTCHER'S, best position, splendid suburb, 5 bodies, 60 sheep, 15 sundries, marble counters, fittings, 2 sets computing scales, horse, 2 carts, ice house, grand plant, £125. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

HAM, Beef, Mixed, tram term., double front, attractive shop, genuine little bus., £45. Joseph and Co.

PRODUCE Business, grand position, turnover £12,000 per annum, proof trade, rent 35s, same hands 40 years, first-class connec., price £375, stock at valuation. JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-street.

JOSEPH and CO., Hotel Brokers, 106 King-street, 3 doors from Pitt-street, estab. 1866. 'Phone 1346.

HOTEL, city, free, taking £70 week, terms, £1000.

HOTEL, 30 miles out, rent £2, taking £35 week, £700.

HOTEL, dense shipping, 9 x 36 week, Tooth's h., £1000.

HOTEL, close to railway, 4 x 36 week, £350.

HOTEL, Tooth's, lease 9, taking £40 week, £450.

HOTEL, most centrally situated, taking £60 wk., £700.

HOTEL, same hands 7 years, 7 x 36 Tooth's, £600.

HOTEL, rent £2, £150; Hotel, suit beginner, £100.

B O S T O C K - S H A N L E Y, 12 Castlereagh-street.

HOTEL, city, FREE, 16 x 36's week, rent £5, any brewer will advance £3000.

HOTEL, best suburb, rent £2 10s, lease 9 years, takings £35 weekly, £500.

HOTEL, suburb, lease 13 years, rent £5, trade 7 x 54's, cash £1400.

HOTEL, FREE, takings £30 week, rent £2, £300.

STOCK and STATION AGENCY, New England district, showing clear profit of £600 per annum, books open for inspection. BOSTOCK-SHANLEY, 12 Castlereagh-street.

FOR PRIVATE SALE, first-class suburban Tailoring Establishment, good position and coming centre of a large suburb, tram stop at door, also large working area; a real good chance for an energetic young tailor. We have good reasons for selling. Price as it now stands, as senior partner wants to go out quickly, £150 cash. A real gift. Apply to Buckles, Herald Office.

PHILLIPS, Challis House.—Confec., spl. fitted, good sub., taks. £16 wkly., cl. school, £100. (C. 585)

PHILLIPS, Challis House, opp. G.P.O.—Lodging-hse., harb. views, 17 lodgers, gd. pays, £130. (L. 580)

NEWS AGENCY, old estab., growing suburb, every chance business man to extend, large premises, over 7000 papers. £750. Full particulars, apply GORDON and GOTCH, 123 Pitt-street.

DAIRY, South Coast, 44 miles from Sydney, Stock, etc., as going concern, splendid returns. COTTERELL, Auctioneer, Bulli.

JOHN TALBOT, late of Tooth and Co., begs to announce that he has commenced business as an Hotel Broker and Commission Agent at 60 ELIZABETH-STREET, near King-street.

ASCOT RACES. TO-MORROW, SATURDAY. ASCOT RACES.

HARK! Hear the children calling— NESTLE'S MILK! NESTLE'S MILK!

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Eliz.-st.—Boarding-house, lead. fishing resort, 10 rms., piano, furn., £185.

BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT, conveniently situated, 23 rms., etc., moderate rent, first-class connection, permanent boarders, nicely furnished throughout, £400. NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-street.

RES. CHAMBERS, good letting pos., 9 rms., always let, furniture, etc., £85. Needham and Co.

HAIRDRESSING and TOBACCONIST, best city position, shop trade £4 10s, saloon £5 10s, 5 years present hands, 3 chairs, 4 mirrors, stock, etc., £90. NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.

GROCERY and Gen. Mixed, trade £30 wkly., old-estab., about £145. Needham and Co.

NEWSAGENCY, Stationery, Library, best district, about Sydney, rapidly increasing, fine D.F. Shop and good Dwelling, 3000 papers, good shop trade, best books, blocked run, stock, etc., £450. Needham, Co.

NEEDHAM and CO., 31 Elizabeth-st.—Butchery, cor. pos., 5½ bodies, 35.40 sheep, sundries, etc., £55.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Western line, l. 5 yrs., proof, beer 6 x 54, well furnished, price £1150. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Tooth's, Circ. Quay, l. 4 yrs., payments £150 month, [illegible] or offer. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Eastern sub., billiards, proof, beer 7 x 36, well furn., [illegible] or offer. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, free house, nr. railway, lease 8 yrs., rent £2 10s, tkg. £65, price £800. 134 Pitt-st.

IVAN HENRY.—Hotel, Northern Rivers same hands [illegible] yrs., rt. £3 10s, tkg. £70, proof, £1700. 134 Pitt-st.

OLD-ESTABLISHED SUBURBAN BUSINESS, showing profit £300 p.a., valuable assets, fullest investigation, balance-sheet, etc.; reasonable terms. IVAN HENRY, 134 Pitt-street.

PRINTING BUSINESS, Western suburbs, latest type, on point system, complete and exceptionally large plant, full value, a bargain for £400, terms. IVAN HENRY, 134 Pitt-street.

LAUNDRY, very old established, must be sold through family bereavement, takings £17 week, good plant. Price £130. IVAN HENRY, 134 Pitt-street.

GROCERY, Western suburbs, tkgs. £25 wk., stock at cost, £130. Ivan Henry, 134 Pitt-st.

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LEADING HOTEL.

The price asked is £16,000 for Land, Building, Furniture, Stock, Horses and Traps, and Harness, and everything to work the business. This Hotel is well known all over Australia, and is well advertised. The present owner is retiring, and will accept terms. £6000 down, and 5 per cent. for balance. Further particulars, apply IVAN HENRY, 134 Pitt-street.

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HOTEL, close Central Station, tak. £30, lease 8 yrs., rent £2, compact, easily worked, £450.

HOTEL, city, l. 7 yrs., r. 50s, well furn., takings £25, 8 bedrooms, £100. Brodribb.

HOTEL, Tooth's, continuance area, lease 9 yrs., rent £4, payments £120, splendid ord., £450. Brodribb.

HOTEL, continuance area, free, l. 5 yrs., r. £2, £300; Hotel, facing sub. stn., tak. £70, £850.

HOTEL, rail. sub., free, 30 rms., rent only £2, 4 x 36 xxx, splendid house, £700. Brodribb.

HOTEL, elite sub., perpet. lease, rent 50s, well fur., 9 x 36 xxx, £750, no loan. Brodribb.

RESTAURANT and Boarding-house, close Quay, 10 bedrooms, 26 beds, room for 15 more, furniture equal to new, net profits £8 to £10, large rooms, thoroughly clean, £225. BRODRIBB.

O. L. WILLIAMS, 71 Elizabeth-st.—Small Lodging-house, nice pos., D'hurst, well furn., only £40.

LODGING-HOUSE, 8 rms. and kit., splendid house, premier pos., rent 27s 6d, always full, well furnished, real nice home, and comfortable living, price £85, terms if required. O. L. Williams, 71 Eliz. st.

DAIRY, 15 cows, splen. bus., fine premises, 30 galls. 5d, a rattling good thing. O. L. Williams.

STAT., Newsagency, Fancy Goods, etc., a first-class sub. business at valuation, about £300. Williams.

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BUTCHERY, SUBURBAN, 5 bodies, 60 sheep, 12 lambs, long-established, £300.

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BUTCHERY, best position, splendid suburb, 5 bodies, 60 sheep, 15 sundries, marble counters, fittings, 2 computing scales, horse, 2 carts, ice-house, excep. plant, £110, terms argd. Comm. Def. Assn., 146 King-st.

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KING-BEARD'S, 105 Castlereagh-street, nr. Park-st. HOTELS, CITY and Sub., £200 to £3000. BOARDING-HOUSES, £60 to £900, city and sub. RESIDENTIAL CHAMBERS, £60 to £600, all sub. LUNCHEON and TEA ROOMS, £30 to £300, city. DINING, REF. ROOMS, £100 to £500.

HIGH-CLASS BOARDING-HOUSE, 20 rooms, heavily furnished, piano, 16 permanent boarders, owner leaving for England, will sacrifice, £325. BRETNALL, 5 Hunter-street.

CONFECTIONERY, heavily stocked, on account of serious sickness will sacrifice to-day for £38. Call early. BRETNALL, 5 Hunter-street.

HOTEL, city, lease 4½, improvement area, rent £3, bargain, £120. Chapman, 108 Pitt-st.

HOTEL, city, lease 8, rent £4, main street, 2 tram junctions, £150. Chapman, 108 Pitt-st.

CONFECTIONERY and Soft Drinks, eastern suburb, main stand, adjacent to schools, heavy stock, established 9 years, takings £10 week, owner sacrificing, £45. W. H. Fitzgerald, 98½ Pitt-street. Take lift.

MIXED BUSINESS, 568 Crown-st, Surry Hills, reasonable offer not refused. No agents.

MASSIE and WADDELL, 180 Castlereagh and Park sts.—Greengrocery, Fruit, horse, cart, etc., £50.

HAIRDRESSING and TOBAC., bargain to-day, £38 the lot; stock, fittings, and furn. worth £45; tkgs. saloon £3, shop £15; 2 Amer. chairs, mirrors, stock fcy. goods, fish. tackle, tobacco, etc. 180 C'reagh-st.

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MIXED BUS., rent 8s, £15; Confect., £10; Mixed Bus., rent 13s, £15. Melrose, 175 Riley-st.

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SELL, clean, small Lodging-house, heights D'hurst, no agents, £30, cheap rent. Truth, P.O., C'ghst.

GROCERY, sound bus., stock £70, tkgs. £25, M. Couple, no agents. Genuine, Darlington P.O.

CONFECTIONERY Plant, Sugar Boilers, cold slabs, 6 h.p. E. Boiler, Chaffcutter. Elliott's, [illegible]

HAIRDRESSING, Tob. Business, est. 20 yrs., position good, leading sub., sacrifice. Apply Mick Simmons.

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GOOD Haberdashery, Millinery, Dressmaking Bus., Sale, cheap, ill health. J. R., P.O., Ashfield.

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FIVE Pounds a Week and No Work. Absolutely best thing offered, lucrative Tobacconist, Hairdressing Business, best suburb, first-class dwelling, no agents. F. HODSON TWEEN, 1st floor, 501 George-street.

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CONFECT., Soft Drinks, near Oxford-st, shop, 4 rms., r. 14s; don't miss this; £12 10s. 216 Palmer-st.

GENUINE Mixed Bus. for Sale, tkgs. £22 p. wk., r. 18s, £75, bargain. 30 Glenmore-rd, Paddington.

MILLINERY.—Up-to-date little Business, city, for Sale, half cash or terms, or take Partner who can take sole control. Cosmos, Haymarket P.O.

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MIXED BUS., doing £12 wkly., low rent, £35, bargain. News Agent, 175 Elizabeth-st, Redfern.

FRUIT, Greengrocery, Summer Drinks, Ice Cream, etc., genuine Business, no opposition. Tram stops at door. First class connection, with turnover, net profits £5 wk., pr. £100. Ill health. [illegible], Herald.

DRAPERY, a sound business, stock [illegible], rent [illegible] wk. Andrews, 21 3rd floor, Equitable-bldgs.

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GROCERY, Mixed, shop, 4 rms., rent 12s, trade £12, £30, genuine bus. Melrose Co., 175 Riley-st.

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MANLY.—Boarding-house, 9 rooms, furnished, sacrifice, £120. Harrison, 5 Moore-st. Tel., 107.

SOUND little Business, working expenses light, price £130. Apply Agency, Herald, King-st.

MIXED Bus., £12 [illegible]; Confect., £45; Confect., Mixed Bus., £25. Balston, 356 Palmer Oxford sts.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.

CAMPERDOWN WARD.

RATEPAYERS and others of the above Ward are hereby notified that all incomes due to the late Borough of Camperdown must now be paid into the City Treasury, Town Hall, Sydney. The City Treasurer's receipt being now the only valid discharge.

W. G. LAYTON, Acting Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Sydney, 4th February, 1909.

MINING.

THE SHARE MARKET.

A further recovery of 12/6 in the price of copper, making 30/ in two days, thus bringing the price up from £57/7/6 to £58/17/6, together with the knowledge that lead had firmed from £13/1/3 to £13/2/6, was regarded with satisfaction by scripholders, and had the effect of steadying the market in the morning.

In view of the manner in which metal values have jigged up and down during the last few days, it is impossible to say what will happen in the near future. Different opinions on the subject are held by speculators. Some are of opinion that metal values will improve, whilst others hold an opposite view. It is sincerely to be hoped that the optimists will prove successful prophets.

Though the amount of business recorded in copper shares did not appear to be stimulated by the recovery in the price of the metal, there were signs that it had an effect in firming prices, for Mount Elliotts sold at an advance of 1/; Wallaroo and Moonta recovered 1/9; whilst Kangiara Mines, paid, moved from 9/3 to 9/6, and the contributing scrip from 7/3 to 7/6. On the other hand Hampdens still show weakness, sales being booked at /3 under late rates. Even shares in the leviathan Mount Morgan changed hands at a concession of 1/. Slightly improved offers were made for Chillagoe, contg.; Munganas were wanted at late rates, but MacGregors, O.K. Copper, and Mount Molloys did not disclose any improvement.

In the case of silver shares, though the turnover was small, a better feeling existed all round, so that not only did the sales recorded show an improvement, but the quotations for the stocks not dealt in indicated a slightly improved tone. Sales were booked in B.H. Proprietary at 37/6, a recovery of /9; in B.H. Junction at 2/11, a fractional advance, and in B.H. Souths, paid, at 81/3, 1/3 better than the previous day's closing rate. Gold stocks were represented by a solitary transaction in East Mexican, paid, at 5/4, an improvement of /2. There was a small inquiry for Western Australian stocks, with fair offers for Chaffers and Sandstone Development.

During the afternoon Kangiara Mines, contg., were in good demand, and closed with sales at 8/, a further advance of /6 on the morning improvement of /3. A parcel of Mount Morgans changed hands at 64/6, a decline of 1/6 on the previous sale recorded some time ago. Both Kyloe Copper and Mount Elliotts were supported at steady figures. In the silver section, business was confined to B.H. Souths, B.H. South Blocks, and B.H. Junction North, each of which commanded steady support. Both gold and tin shares were quiet.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Budgery Mines	0 1 0	0 2 3
Chillagoe, contributing	0 4 0	0 4 4
Grafton	—	1 3 0
Hampden-Cloncurry, paid	—	0 8 6
Kyloe	—	0 11 3
Ditto, preference	—	0 10 9
Lobb's Hole	0 6 0	—
Ditto, contributing	—	0 4 0
McGregor Cloncurry, paid	0 3 6	0 3 9
Mount Cuthbert	0 4 6	0 6 0
Mount Elliott	3 16 0	3 17 0
Mount Molloy	0 6 2	0 6 8
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 4 6	0 4 8
O.K.	0 3 4	0 3 8
Queen Bee	0 4 6	0 5 2
Roebourne	—	0 3 0
Wallaroo and Moonta	1 16 6	1 17 0
TIN.		
Gilmore	—	0 1 6
Stannary Hills	0 0 2	—
Ditto, pref.	0 0 3	—
Vulcan	—	0 3 0
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 17 0	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	1 17 6	1 18 0
Ditto, preference	0 11 3	—
B. H. Junction	0 2 10	0 3 2
B. H. Junction North	1 2 0	—
B. H. North	2 15 6	—
B. H. South	4 1 0	4 1 6
B. H. South, contributing	3 13 0	3 14 0
B. H. South Blocks	1 0 3	1 0 9
C.S.A. Mines, paid	0 5 0	0 7 0
Sulphide Corporation, ord.	0 8 0	—
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 0 11	0 1 3
Gold Hill, contributing	—	0 1 0
Harden	—	1 8 0
Harden Central, paid	0 2 9	—
Ditto, contributing	—	0 1 0
Harden West	—	0 2 9
Mount David	0 1 7	0 2 0
New Hillgrove Proprietary	—	0 0 2
Occidental	0 7 9	0 8 0
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	—	0 2 6
Araluen Central	0 3 0	—
Associated Gold Dredging	—	0 4 0
Cope's Creek	—	0 7 0
Elrington	—	0 2 0
Ovens Valley	—	0 5 8
Reform Tin, paid	—	0 2 9
Tewkesbury Amalgamated	—	1 7 0
Tingha Tin	0 1 0	—
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	1 14 3	1 14 9
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Bonnie Dundee	—	0 3 0
Brilliant Central	—	0 3 9
East Mexican, paid	0 5 2	0 5 4
Mount Morgan	3 4 0	3 5 0
Ruby	—	0 2 3
Ditto, contributing	—	0 1 1
Victory	0 1 0	0 1 8
Gympie.		
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	0 1 6	—
North Smithfield	0 4 8	0 5 6
Peter and Paul, contributing	0 0 2	0 0 6
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 1 4	0 1 7
South Great Eastern, No. 2	0 2 11	0 3 10
South Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	—	0 1 9
Western Australia.		
Chaffer's	0 7 6	0 7 10
Great Boulder	1 7 6	1 8 4
Ditto, Main Reef	0 6 0	0 6 3
Ditto, No. 1	—	0 10 0
Ditto, Perseverance	0 7 4	0 7 7
Kalgurli North	0 3 0	0 3 9
Kalgurli South	0 13 0	0 14 0
Lake View Consols, L.R.	0 19 0	—
Sandstone Development	0 8 0	0 8 4

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—Mount Elliott, 76/9, 76/6; Kangiara Mines, paid, 9/6; Kangiara Mines, contg., 7/6; Hampden, 8/2; Wallaroo and Moonta, 36/9; Mount Morgan, 65/.

Silver.—B.H. Proprietary, 37/6; B.H. Junction, 2/11; B.H. South, paid, 81/3.

Gold.—East Mexican, paid, 5/4.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Kangiara Mines, contg., 8/; Mount Morgans, 64/6; Kyloe Copper, 11/; Mount Elliott, 76/6.

Silver.—B.H. Souths, paid, 81/6, 81/3; B.H. South Blocks, 20/6; B.H. Junction North, 22/3.

Gold.—South Kalgurli, 13/8; No. 1 N. Smithfield, 5/6.

MINING NOTES.

The Mount Lyell Company has despatched 2853 tons of blister copper for the current half-year.

The No. 4 N. Phoenix Co. (Gympie) reports a yield of 1379oz of gold, and has declared a dividend of 1s 6d per share, payable to-day.

The Columbia Extended Company (Gympie) reports a yield of 621oz of gold from 315 tons of ore. A dividend of /3 per share has been declared, payable on February 5.

A report from the Great Britain Sluicing Company states:—"For the week ended January 30 pumps worked 130 hours, produced 2 tons 4cwt tin ore (clean-up for a fortnight)."

The No. 3 N. Columbia (Gympie) reports a yield of 622oz of smelted gold, the No. 1 N. Phoenix 2670oz of amalgam from 400 tons, and the Columbia Extended 1037oz amalgam from 315 tons.

The Kulamadau Company reports having crushed 400 tons of stone for a yield of gold worth approximately £680. The cyanide works treated 650 tons of sand for a yield of gold worth about £211.

The manager of the Melton Gold-mining Company advises by wire having crushed 420 tons for 226oz gold, and cyanided 502 tons for 51oz; total, 277oz of gold. Crushing was resumed on January 8.

Three winzes started from the 410ft level of the Girofla section (Mungana mine) are in ore. The mine generally shows no change. For the week ended January 22 407 tons of ore and flux sulphides were despatched to the smelters.

The latest developments at the Great Fitzroy mines (Q.) are as follows:—300ft level: Main east crosscut, 347ft to 353ft, assays average 5.14 per cent. copper, 3dwts gold; North-west drive, 30ft to 38ft, 3.3 per cent. copper, 1dwt gold; south-east drive, 25ft to 34ft, 5.05 per cent. copper, 2dwts gold; rise, 98ft to 102ft, 4.1 per cent. copper, 3.25dwts gold. 225ft level: South east drive, 83ft to 88ft, 3.4 per cent. copper, 2.5dwts gold.

The underground manager of the Harden Central Gold Mine reports that the eastern drive at the 328ft level has been extended a further 5ft, making a total of 122ft, with no change since last report. The level has also been partly timbered. At a point 50ft east from the shaft a rise is being put up to connect with the winze at No. 2 level for air. The rise is up 12ft, and shows fair stone in the backs.

The half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Cope's Creek Central Tin Dredging Company was held in Melbourne yesterday. The chairman of directors, Mr. E. J. Hartley, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said that since the last meeting there was an overdraft of £122, against which they had a deposit receipt for £200, so that the company was practically out of debt. If the returns were at all favourable, they would soon be on the dividend list again. The work from January, even with the low prices ruling, showed a net profit of £350. The motion was carried. The retiring directors, E. J. Hartley, C. B. Longbottom, W. Jardine, and W. C. Bury, were re-elected.

Private cables state that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday were the following:—B.H. Block 10, 59/3 (m); British (old), b 17/; B.H. Proprietary, 37/9 (m); B.H. South Blocks, b 20/; B.H. Norths, 57/3 (m); Sulphide Corporation, b 9/; Mount Elliotts, 76/9 (m); Mount Morgans, 65/ (m); Chillagoe (contg), b 4/3; Great Cobars, 82/6 (m); Hampdens, 8/ (m); Golden Horseshoes, £6/3/6 (m); Chaffers, 7/7 (m); Great Fingalls, 14/9 (m); Kalgurlis, £3/2/6 (m); Oroyas-Brown Hill, 15/6 (m); South Kalgurli, 13/6 (m); Associated Gold Mines, 22/3 (m); Associated Northern Blocks, 8/3 (m); Great Boulders, 27/6 (m); Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, £8/7/ (m); Lake View Consols, 20/ (m); Golden Links, 4/6 (m); Gwalia Consolidated, 5/3 (m); Sons of Gwalia, 27/6 (m); Boulder Perseverance, 7/7 (m). Copper was quoted at £58/17/6, a recovery of 12/6, and lead at £13/2/6, an improvement of 1/3.

CHILLAGOE COPPER MINE.

PAYABLE ORE CUT.

The mining manager of the Chillagoe Company telegraphed yesterday as follows:—"Ruddigore, new main shaft, No. 2 level, 225ft, face just fired out, cut ore, and entered into it 5ft; ore still showing in face of payable grade." A later message says that a sample of the borings from one hole assayed 3.8 per cent. copper and 1.6oz of silver.

MOUNT MORGAN COMPANY.

FIRST MONTH OF THE NEW YEAR.

Seeing that the plant of the Mount Morgan Gold-mining Company did not work up to its full capacity during the month of January, in addition to which it was idle for a few days during the New Year holidays, it must be regarded as fairly satisfactory that the estimated value of the product for January was £54,200, as against £57,200 for last December. It is quite true that during December the return showed a reduction on the previous month, owing to the gold reduction works being shut down during the Christmas holidays, and partly owing to the accident that occurred in November, 1908. It has to be borne in mind, however, that the estimated value of the copper product of last month is based on an average value of £60 per ton, as against £63 during December.

At the same time, an analysis of the operations for the month just closed is not altogether satisfactory. For instance, whilst the value of the gold ores treated increased from 4.82dwt to 6.90dwt per ton, the gold contents of the copper-gold ores decreased from 9.80dwt to 6.27dwt, whilst the copper contents decreased from 4.31 per cent. to 2.17 per cent. per ton of ore treated. The position of affairs during the past seven months will be more easily seen by the following figures:—

GOLD ORES.

	Tons	Gold.	Yield.
July, 1908	22,558	6,500oz	5.76dwt
Aug.	21,217	6,089oz	5.73dwt
Sept.	19,987	6,169oz	6.17dwt
Oct.	20,646	5,977oz	5.78dwt
Nov.	17,873	7,981oz	8.93dwt
Dec.	17,142	4,132oz	4.82dwt
Jan., 1909	14,732	5,087oz	6.90dwt

COPPER-GOLD ORES.

	Ore. Tons.	Copper refined. Tons.	Per cent.	Gold.	Per Ton.
July, 1908	18,671	532	3.11	8,232oz	8.84dwt
Aug.	16,780	530	3.21	7,630oz	9.09dwt
Sept.	16,364	523	3.19	6,339oz	7.74dwt
Oct.	19,317	505	2.61	7,680oz	7.92dwt
Nov.	8,224	278	3.38	4,355oz	10.59dwt
Dec.	8,172	353	4.31	4,005oz	9.80dwt
Jan., 1909	12,366	289	2.17	3,876oz	6.27dwt

VALUE OF OUTPUT.

July, 1908 (copper at £59 per ton)	£94,800
Aug. (copper at £61 per ton)	£89,800
Sept. (copper at £60 per ton)	£88,000
Oct. (copper at £60 per ton)	£87,300
Nov. (copper at £63/10/ per ton)	£71,000
Dec. (copper at £63 per ton)	£57,200
Jan., 1909 (copper at £60)	£54,200

In a note attached to a report on the subject received from Mr. J. S. Sparks, Sydney secretary to the company, that gentleman states:—"It is expected that the plant will again be working at its full capacity during the present month."

MINING IN THE STATE.

YAMBULLA, Thursday.

Allison and party are opening up a good show on the west end of the old Indigo lease. Hicks and party continue to raise good ore. The old British Lion and the new contractors at the prospecting claim are making good headway. The stone being raised looks very well. Arbuthnot and party had four tons from their claim on Spion Kop treated at Haugh and M'Donald's battery for 5½oz, and M'Carthy had four tons put through the same mill from Spion Kop for 4½oz.

MOUNT LYELL MINE.

YIELD FOR THE MONTH.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Mount Lyell smelting return, from December 31 to January 27, shows that 29,946 tons of ore were treated, being 20,099 tons from the Mount Lyell mine and 9847 tons from the North Mount Lyell mine. In addition 37 tons of purchased ore and the metal-bearing fluxes were treated. The converters produced during the same period 637 tons of blister copper, containing 628 tons of copper, 56,043oz of silver, and 1025oz of gold.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Sales and quotations:—

West Australian mines: Associateds, 22/6, b 22/3, s 22/6; Associated Northern, 8/1, b 8/, s 8/1; Perseverance, 7/6, b 7/6, s 7/7; Chaffers, 7/9, 7/7, 7/9, b 7/8½, s 7/9; Cumberland, 4/3, 4/2, b 4/3, s 4/4; Boulder No. 1, paid, 9/8, b 9/8, s 9/9; Boulders, 28/, 27/10½, b 27/10½, s 28/1½; Golden Pole, /9½, /10; Golden Ridge, b 18/, s 22/6; Golden Links, 4/6, 4/5, b 4/5, s 4/6; Hannan's Star, 6/10, b 6/9, s 6/10; Lake View, 19/9, b 19/6; Main Reef, b 5/11, s 6/1; North Kalgurli, 2/7, b 2/6, s 2/7; Oroya, b 15/6, s 16/3; Gwalia, b 27/9, s 29/; Gwalia South, 31/6, 32/, b 32/, s 32/6; South Kalgurli, 13/6, b 13/, s 13/6.

Various: King's Bluff, b 28/, s £5/2/6.

Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 38/, 37/10½, b 37/10½, s 38/; Block 14 (pref.), b 11/6, s 12/3; British (old), b 17/1½, s 17/4½; ditto (new), b 15/3, s 15/9; Block 10, b 58/, s 59/9; Junction, 3/0¼, b 3/, s 3/1; North B.H., 57/3, b 56/, s 57; Souths, paid, 81/, 80/9, 81/, b 80/9, s 81/3; ditto, contg, 73/6, b 72/6, s 73/6; South Blocks, 20/1½, 20/4½, b 20/3, s 20/4½; Junction North, b 22/, s 23/; Sulphides, b 9/, s 9 9; Zinc Corporation, 3/9, b 3/9, s 4/.

Copper: Chillagoe, 5/2, b 5/1, s 5/2; Hampden, 8/, b 8/, s 8/3; Elliott, paid, b 75/, s 77/; Mount Morgans, b 63/, s 65/; Lyells, 34/6; Munganas, 4/8, b 4/6, s 4/9; O.K., 3/6, b 3/5, s 3/6; Wallaroo, 36/3, 36/9, 36/7½, b 36/6, s 36/9.

Tin: Stannary Hills (pref.), /4; ditto (ord.), /2½.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

Sales.—Catherine Reef, 21/6; Hopwoods and Burrowes, 3/10; New Golden Fleece, /10; New Nil, 3/; North Argus, 2/2; Suffolk United, 5/10½, 6/; Langdon, 2/2; Victoria Quartz, 2/1½; Williams' United, 7/4½.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Sales.—New Brilliant Freehold, 20/9; East Mexican, contg, 3/7; Chillagoe, contg, forward, 4/6.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Sales.—Peter and Paul, /8, /7½; Bonnie, 2/8, B. Central, 3/7 to 3/4; B. Deeps, 2/6, 2/4; Mexican, 3/6; ditto, paid, 5/4, 5/5; New B. Freehold, 20/9; Q. Cross, /11; Caledonia, 1/3, 1/2; Q. Central, 1/3; Ruby, 1/1; Wallis, /2.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Quotations.—Tasmania, b 4/6, s 5/; Magnet, s 21/; North Farrell, b 4/10, s 5/2; Tasmanian Copper, b 5/2, s 5/8; Mount Bischoff, b £35, s £35/11/6; Arba, b 7/6, s 10/; Pioneer, b 25/, s 26/.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

To-day's sales were:—

Silver: B.H. South, 80/9, 81/; South Blocks, 20/3, 20/4½; North Broken Hill, 56/6.

Copper: Mount Lyell, 34/4½; Chillagoe, paid, 5/3; Hampden, 8/2; Macgregor, 3/7, 3/8, 3/8½; Mount Cuthbert, 5/3; Mount Elliott, 77/, 76/6.

Tin: Bischoff Extended, 7/1.

Gold: Ajax, 26/, 28/9; Burnt Creek, 10/; Cassilis, 9/6; Catherine Reef, 21/, 21/6; Champion, 1/9; Diamond Creek, 6/6; Great Southern Consols, 8/6; Long Tunnel, 91/, 90/; New Loch Fyne, 1/5; Nuggetty Ajax, 1/10; South German, 12/3; Star of the East, 2/4; Victor's Quartz, 1/11, 2/; W. Berry Consols, 5/; Black Range, 50/, 50/3; Great Boulder, 28/.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b 37/6, s 38/3; North Broken Hill, b 56/3, s 57/6; South Broken Hill, b 80/, s 82/6.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

GREAT BOULDER DEVELOPS WELL.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

Reports from the Boulder No. 1 St. George lease state that the difficulty in treating the slimes, hitherto experienced, owing to the kaolin nature of the ore, has been overcome. It is estimated that £1000 a month has been running into the tailings dam, owing to the failure of the treatment in this respect. Crosscutting for the lode at 190 feet is now proceeding.

The prospecting shaft recently sunk in the southern portion of Hannan's Star, and from which the continuation of the Chaffer's shoot was opened up at 100ft, is now being deepened to 175ft. Its present depth is about 115ft, and sinking is being carried on in good values. Crosscutting is also proceeding from the 175ft level from Morrison's new shaft, to cut the shoot at a distance of about 330ft south of the Prospecting shaft.

Developments continue satisfactory in the bottom workings of the Great Boulder Proprietary at 2300ft, where one of the best levels in the mine has been opened up. A fine run of ore has been driven on for a distance of about 1100ft, and the south face is still in 15dwt stuff. The 2230ft level is also shaping well, the first 380ft of driving furnishing ore worth a little over 10dwt per ton. The best of the shoot, however, has not yet been entered at this point. A start will probably be made next month to deepen the main and Edwards shafts to 2500ft.

In a cable sent to the London board on Tuesday last, the management of the Boulder Perseverance reported that the 1750ft winze has been sunk a total distance of 36ft, and that assays averaged 53dwt for the last 6½ft sinking.

The January output Ida H. 1150 tons 783oz estimated value £3000.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Mount David Company, January 30:—155ft level, vertical shaft: No. 1 crosscut extended to 20ft, face in black slate country. 300ft level, south-east drive: "A" rise up 67ft, about 1ft of lode material in face. Stoping at back of south-east drive, south from No. 1 rise, on stone 2ft thick, fair quality; and south from No. 2 rise on stone 5ft thick, of fair quality. No. 1 level, winch winze: Stoping south of No. 2 rise on stone 2ft 6in thick, fair quality. No. 2 level, winch winze: Hanging wall crosscut extended to 48ft. No. 3 level, winch winze: South-east drive extended to 54ft; black slate hanging wall and porphyry footwall. North-east crosscut extended for week 9ft, total from side of drive 18ft. The stope south of No. 3 winze, between Nos. 2 and 3 levels, has been stoped out to No. 2 level. North-west drive extended to 134ft, about 1ft of lode material in face. Surface: Open cut shaft sunk total of 38ft; about 6in of stone in face, carrying gold.

Rabbit Hill Copper Mining Company, Feb. 1.—Crosscut at 245ft level in a further 40ft; total, 90ft. Passed through mineral slate; the slate in face is more of a brown colour, mixed with small hard bars. The country is underlaying to the east. Assays carry a small percentage gold, silver, and copper.

Fort Bourke Copper Mining Company, Jan. 28.—Sunk the shaft 8ft; total, 111ft. Good deal of work besides sinking had to be done. Ground in shaft still pretty hard, being brown slate, intermixed with quartz. The whim is working satisfactorily.

AMUSEMENTS.

PALACE THEATRE.

That favourite emotional drama, "East Lynne," which was successfully revived by Mr. Edwin Geach's company earlier in the present season, was again put up at the Palace Theatre last night. There was an excellent attendance, and Miss Nellie Fergusson as Lady Isabel, Mr. H. W. Diver as Sir Francis Levison, and Mr. Kenneth Hunter as Archibald Carlyle, were prominent in a cast which once more sustained the interest of the story. The season will close with a final performance of "East Lynne" to-night.

Mr. Harry W. Diver will be accorded a testimonial matinee by Messrs. Edwin Geach and George Marlow at the Palace Theatre in a special programme this afternoon, in which he will appear with Mrs. Diver in the dramatic sketch, "The Russian Spy." This able artist, who has played with discriminative [illegible] so many characters, will be supported by leading artists from the Palace, Criterion, Tivoli, National, and Royal Standard Theatres, so that a strongly attractive entertainment will be presented. The plan is at Nicholson's.

MISS ELLA CASPERS.

Mr. H. N. Southwell presided at a meeting at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon to consider the best way of assisting Miss Ella Caspers, a contralto of talent, to profit by the scholarships recently won by her, which involves residence for a time in London. Mr. Southwell explained that Miss Caspers had been originally trained at a Goulburn convent, and had made her first appearance at the Sydney Town Hall in August, 1907. After her studies under Mme. Christian at the Garcia School of Music, she attracted the attention of the examiners of the Associated Board in such a remarkable degree that they awarded her a scholarship at the Royal Academy of Music, London, tenable for two years. In order to avail herself of this generous offer, Miss Caspers would have to sail not later than the middle of next April. With the object of securing the necessary funds, it was at first proposed to organise a concert, but wiser counsels prevailed, and it was decided that public subscriptions from the smallest to large sums would achieve the end in view more surely, and would give the future of the young singer a wider interest with her friends on this side. He might add that he had received the following encouraging telegram from Mr. Lee Hunt, hon. secretary of the Goulburn Liedertafel:—"Goulburn public strongly in favour of Ella Casper's meeting. Something certain to be arranged locally. Wish you success."

On the motion of Dr. Stewart Mackay, Mr. J. Mandelson seconding, the meeting resolved to open a subscription list on the lines indicated, and on the motion of Mr. G. C. C. Hellemann and Mrs. Fotheringham, Mrs. Roesen was elected president of the Caspers' fund, Dr. Stewart Mackay and Mr. H. N. Southwell hon. treasurers, and Mrs. (Dr.) Maguire and Miss Blanche D'Alpuget hon. secretaries.

The meeting was enthusiastic, and not only were nearly three score subscription cards applied for, but money was handed in on the spot, so that the movement was auspiciously started. Miss Caspers would worthily represent the State at the R.A.M., and the only difficulty likely to be met with in collecting the necessary means—not less than £200—will arise from the fact that the young singer's appearances in Sydney have been few. Moreover, she has not sung with any of the great musical societies, so that her talents are understood and appreciated only within a comparatively limited circle. It may be hoped, therefore, that this circle of friends and admirers will support her loyally at the present crisis, in order to ensure the complete success of a laudable movement.

WAVERLEY MAYORALTY.

DEFEATED CANDIDATE VIGOROUS.

At a meeting of the Waverley Council Alderman R. G. Watkins was elected Mayor by 6 votes to 4. He was nominated by Alderman M'Kenzie, seconded by Alderman St. Julian, and supported by Aldermen Blunt, M'Laughlin, Kershaw, and Abigail. Alderman Parkhill was nominated in opposition by Alderman Barraclough, seconded by Alderman Dr. Savage, and supported by Aldermen Rogers and Campbell.

Alderman Parkhill and his supporters stated that their opposition was solely on account of what they regarded as the unsatisfactory way in which the finances of the borough had of late been conducted. Alderman Watkins thanked the aldermen for the honour conferred on him by electing him for this the fourth year in succession. Alderman Parkhill said that intrigues and secret meetings appeared necessary in the election of a Mayor under the present system by the aldermen, and contended for an alteration of the Act whereby the election should be effected directly by the ratepayers.

DECRYING AUSTRALIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Every true Australian, who loves his country, must have read with satisfaction Dr. Arthur's sharp rejoinder, in your issue of Feb. 2, to the wild statements regarding the Commonwealth and New Zealand, published in the "Schlesische Zeitung," and supposed to emanate from Count Morner, Swedish Consul in Sydney. If the organ, published at Breslau, is correct in its reproduction of the count's consular report, his fantastic assertions will tend to detract from the good name of Australia in foreign countries. This mischief is further accentuated by the baseless charges against the Government of New South Wales of conspiring with the Immigration League of Australasia in their effort to "disseminate misleading information merely for the purpose of relieving the want of our rural workers." Such a charge is a very serious one, the more so when made by a foreign Consul against the Government to which he is accredited. We know that it is part of a Consul's duty to transmit reports to his Government bearing on commercial, industrial, political, and other events of interest. But such reports should be based on cold facts and figures, easily obtainable from official sources, and not on fanciful theories, based on a limited experience. Most of the Australian States as also New Zealand publish every year a complete set of statistics, showing the nation's progress during each period. A close study of these should convince the most sceptical of the marvellous natural resources of our continent. Any observing person can ascertain their truths from other sources. Again, when we remember that Australia was originally settled by people from England and the northern parts of Europe, and is still being chiefly peopled by them, Count Morner's remarks about the climate are, to say the least, very absurd indeed. All his other assertions regarding our Constitution, our land laws, banks, and droughts are on a par. Most of these Dr. Arthur has already knocked over. Still, there are one or two points worth emphasising.

What is the present value of the productive resources of Australasia? The total for 1906 from all industries was £147,043,000, equal to an average of £35 19s 10d per inhabitant. This embraces agricultural, pastoral pursuits, dairying and farming, forestry and fisheries, mining and manufacturing. In spite of droughts and other such bogies, this production has been steadily on the increase. In 1871 the estimated value of production was over 46 millions; in 1881 over 71 millions; in 1891 over 96 millions; in 1901 over 114 millions; and in 1906, as already stated, over 147 million pounds sterling. These are official figures, and should in themselves be an answer to Count Morner. This is not entirely due to the increase in population, but largely to greater individual exertions, in spite of our alleged wretched climate. The average production per head of population was £27 17s 2d in 1871, and £35 19s 10d in 1906—a very significant feature.

A few words in reference to the loss of sheep by drought. The number of sheep rose from over 20 millions in 1860 to over 80 millions in 1906. No doubt in 1902-3 great losses were experienced. In New South Wales the number of sheep dropped to about 26½ millions, but rose again to over 44 millions in less than five years. Is that an indication of the poverty of the soil and the unhealthy state of our climate? Droughts we certainly have. But they are, as a rule, of a local character, and are little felt by the Commonwealth. Other countries experience similar troubles periodically, which they feel much more severely than the few ailments we may have to put up with.

In conclusion, I may say that a very fair barometer of a nation's wealth and progress are the savings banks. In 1900-1 deposits in these institutions amounted to close on 31 millions, whereas they exceeded 42 million pounds in 1906-7. This figure would have been much larger if the banks did not restrict interest-bearing deposits to certain limits, generally £200, which induces investors to place their savings in other directions. The bank deposits per head of population were £8 3s in 1900-1, whereas in 1906-7 they rose to £10 3s 8d, another monument not only to the thrift of our people, but to the natural conditions which permit them to do so. Hence, all the ills Australia is supposed to be afflicted with, according to Count Morner, are so much moonshine. I am, etc.,

Feb. 4. VESEY R. GOSCHE.

SYDNEY'S ESTIMATES.

A NARROW MARGIN.

MINIMUM WAGE CARRIED.

INTRICATE FIGURES.

The estimates for the city of Sydney were discussed, amended, and passed by the general purposes committee of the City Council last night.

On the motion of Alderman Meagher, after a tough fight, £5000 was added in order to pay a minimum wage of 8s to all the council's able bodied employees.

Alderman Clark, chairman of the finance committee, explained that the estimates showed receipts £284,321, expenditure £312,538, leaving a deficit at the end of the year of £28,217. But those receipts did not include the land tax, which had been handed over. The land tax had to be kept separate on the accounts this year because it was a new tax, and only by keeping it separate could they find out the exact revenue from it. Counting the land tax there would be no deficit.

Later in the evening the Lord Mayor explained how this was. He said that the estimates showed that the revenue, not counting the land tax (£290,000), was expected to fall short of expenditure by about £30,000. To meet that they had the land tax. The land tax was expected to bring in, without exemptions, about £80,000. But of that £80,000 £25,000 had to be spent on certain services which they had taken over from the Government. Also the cost of collecting the land tax would be about £3000. That left, roughly speaking, £50,000 derived from the land tax. If they took the deficit of £30,000 from that it left £20,000. Practically speaking, £15,000 to £20,000 was their estimated margin of surplus.

When Alderman Meagher proposed that the minimum wage be 8s, the Lord Mayor held that this would of a certainty involve other rises in pay, and the cost would be £8000 to £10,000. Out of the £15,000 surplus of the year there was a proposal to take £10,000 or £15,000 for Oxford-street and other resumptions. As it was to-day those works could be carried out. But if Alderman Meagher's motion were carried it would mean either that the general rate of 1s 9d would be raised to 1s 10d in the city, and 2s 1d in Camperdown, or that necessary works should be thrown over.

Alderman Meagher's motion was carried.

Alderman A. Kelly then moved to strike £5000 off the vote for street maintenance, but afterwards withdrew the motion. £3300 was struck off other votes for works that might not be carried out during the year.

Assuming that the margin of £15,000, stated by the Lord Mayor to be the surplus calculated on the year is correct, the result of the amendments (which spend £5000 and save £3300) is a surplus of about £13,700. Of that, as the Lord Mayor pointed out, £12,000 has stood to the credit of the City Council since 1904, when it was voted for certain works but not spent. Subtracting the standing sum, the surplus on the current accounts of the year is only £1700; and if, as the Lord Mayor expects, the minimum wage involves £3000 to £5000 more than Alderman Meagher estimates, there would be no surplus but a deficit.

The rest of the debate is elsewhere reported.

SOME OF THE FIGURES.

The largest estimated receipt is from the city rate—which is 1s 9d in the pound on a net assessment of £2,253,363, and is estimated to bring in £193,221. It brought in £193,220 14s 5d last year. The rents from the Queen Victoria Markets come next with £16,000; but the interest paid on the cost of them is £14,370; and their upkeep £6554. The interest and upkeep on this market last year were £5158 less than the receipts. From the cattle saleyards £11,800 is expected; from Belmore Markets, £10,500; £5857 from rents of resumed areas; £4500 from the letting of the Town Hall, etc; £3750 from city cleansing, £1800 from Domain and Pyrmont swimming baths.

The largest items of expenditure are:—Salaries for city cleansing—estimated at £35,974 (as against £41,850 spent last year which was £6350 above the estimate); £29,403 interest payable on loans generally, £26,640 for street maintenance (about £170 less than last year); £12,890, footways; £4500 tar painting; £6546 upkeep, and £7400 interest on Town Hall; Belmore Markets, £1600 interest, and £3673 upkeep; Fish Markets, £680 interest, and £3766 upkeep; Fire Brigades, £7141; city surveyor and staff, £3500; building surveyor, £2216; maintenance of parks, £5000; lighting parks, £2000; street lighting, £20,392; and watering, £7500.

The interest on present amount of resumptions is £6533. Interest on "balance of loan, £249,000—say borrowed £150,000"—£5625; total interest on resumption, £12,159.

HANDLING OF FRUITS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Mr. Benson, fruit expert, has supplied to the Department of Agriculture a report upon his inquiries in England in connection with the banana industry. In the course of the report, he makes comparisons concerning shipping methods, stating that the methods adopted in England were calculated to give fruit a fair chance of being carried in good order, and were very different from those in vogue in Australia, where fruit is usually so knocked about by the time it is placed in the hold that, even were the conditions on shipboard more favourable than at present, it would be impossible for us to get our northern-grown bananas on to the southern markets in as good order as the West Indian fruit is landed at either Bristol or Manchester.

POSTAL REVENUE.

ESTIMATED INCREASE NOT REACHED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Postal revenue for January exceeded that of the previous January by over £7000. Totals received in each State compared with those for the corresponding month of last year were as follows:—

	1909.	1908.
New South Wales	£110,143 14 9	£106,485 15 8
Victoria	73,518 18 2	72,590 4 9
Queensland	40,816 15 5	46,694 0 4
South Australia	48,254 14 8	48,472 10 4
Western Australia	31,740 16 0	24,881 18 0
Tasmania	12,910 0 0	12,275 2 1
Totals	£318,385 0 1	£311,318 11 2

The totals received during the seven expired months of the current financial year compare as under:—

	Seven months, 1908-9.	Seven months, 1907-8.
New South Wales	£739,556 7 5	£740,146 2 6
Victoria	507,655 19 8	492,108 9 9
Queensland	286,083 6 11	265,870 13 10
South Australia	203,044 8 3	199,347 17 8
Western Australia	166,704 6 4	157,128 17 7
Tasmania	83,373 0 10	77,134 18 1
Total	£2,000,417 7 5	£1,931,736 18 11

The revenue was estimated to increase during the seven months by £108,441 13s 4d, but the actual increase has been only £68,680. In New South Wales the increase was only £19,410, instead of £46,060 as expected, and in Victoria £15,547, instead of £24,381. Queensland is the only State in which the estimate has been exceeded. The anticipated increase of revenue was £18,831; the actual increase totalled £20,212.

LABOUR MOVEMENT.

PETERSHAM LEAGUE REVIVED.

Last night, Messrs. D. R. Hall, M.P., W. Dooley, and A. C. Carmichael, M.L.A., delivered addresses under the auspices of the Political Labour League at the Petersham Town Hall. Alderman P. Hordern (Mayor of Petersham) occupied the chair.

Mr. Hall strongly condemned land monopoly.

Mr. Dooley pointed out the benefits of the movement on behalf of labour, and its efforts to secure political power. He criticised the methods of inducing immigrants to come to the State adopted by those at the head of the immigration movement, stigmatising them as deceitful, and calculated to recoil upon the country in a harmful way. It was a cruel thing to bring out domestic servants to find positions for which they would receive 7s a week. The disclosures of sweating in the jam industry would shortly be eclipsed by particulars of sweating in other occupations.

Mr. Carmichael said the broad objects of the Labour party were generally endorsed by 80,000 unionists in the State. The party aimed to secure an equitable distribution of land, so that every man should have a sufficiency, and none hold a superfluity. This they would accomplish by a progressive land tax. Aggregations of wealth would be dealt with when they became monopolies, and crippled competition, by the State taking hold of the industries in which tremendous profits were made and managing them for the general benefit. He explained some of the ideals of the Labour party, and moved that it was desirable to resuscitate the Petersham branch of the P.L.L., and hold a meeting shortly for the election of officers. The motion was seconded by Mr. S. J. Heaton, who attacked the free trade press for its alleged inconsistency, and carried unanimously.

HOME FOR INCURABLES.

At a special meeting of the committee of the New South Wales Home for Incurables, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. T. A. Dibbs for his generous donation of £1000 towards an endowment fund. It was resolved that steps be taken to build a cottage for the accommodation of nursing staff, so that extra room might be provided in the hospital. A subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. C. D. Goldie, Robert Hardie, and W. E. Wilson, was appointed to receive applications for the position of secretary to the institution, and a subcommittee was arranged to deal with the proposed nurses' home. A long discussion took place as to what form the memorial to the late Mr. W. B. Johnson should take. Many speakers bore testimony to the valuable work done by him for years past for the Home for Incurables. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Goldie, seconded by Mr. Ludowici,—"That a tablet be erected in the home to the memory of Mr. Johnson, and that two new wards be furnished, and that these wards be called the W. B. Johnson Wards." The number of cases in the home at present is 30, and an additional ward is being furnished for four more patients.

COUNTRY NEWS.

RAILWAYS.

TUMBARUMBA, Thursday.

Splendid progress is being made with the railway survey from Mount Horeb to Tumbarumba, and another party is surveying a line from Wagga Wagga.

HOSPITALS.

CONDOBOLIN, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the Condobolin District Hospital, held last week, the report showed that the financial year closed with a credit balance of £212 11s 4d, in addition to which the sum of £294 4s 4d has yet to be received as subsidy for the latter half of last year. The total revenue for the past year was £1182 16s 7d, and the expenditure (including new buildings and repairs, costing £267 2s 1d) amounted to £1023 16s 5d. One hundred and three in-patients were treated during the year (70 males, 33 females); 11 died, 9 remained under treatment at the end of the year. The average daily number of in-patients was five. Forty-eight out-patients received treatment. Mr. Jas. Tout was elected president, and Messrs. R. J. Parker and Thos. Tasker, auditors. Fifteen nominations were received for the committee, and there being more than the required number, a ballot of the subscribers is now being taken. Last Wednesday the new women's ward was opened by the treasurer (Mr. W. A. B. Stenhouse).

GRAFTON, Thursday.

Messrs. C. E. Attwater, president, H. C. Crisford, hon. treasurer, and J. G. Phillips, secretary, were re-elected at the first meeting of the new hospital committee last night.

MOREE, Thursday.

At the district hospital committee meeting the following officers were re-elected for the current year:—President, Mr. A. A. Glennie; vice-president, Mr. P. C. Watt; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. R. Hogan.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The election of the hospital committee resulted in favour of Messrs. T. M. Newman, C. H. Lye, G. Nankervis, D. Carter, C. Piper, J. G. Grayston, G. A. Codrington, W. E. Grayston, C. Ingall, T. S. Pullman, R. M. Clark, C. Wane, C. R. Adams.

MUNICIPAL.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

Alderman J. T. M'Kittrick has been elected Mayor of South Grafton.

MOREE, Thursday.

Alderman J. T. Crane has been re-elected Mayor.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Municipal Council tonight the Mayor, Alderman Cracknell, was unanimously re-elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

COFF'S HARBOUR, Tuesday.

Bro. George Graham, of the local lodge of the Manchester United Independent Order of Oddfellows, has been appointed Deputy Grand Master for the Clarence district, and Bro. H. B. Waterhouse has been re-elected district secretary. It has been decided that the next district conference be held at Coff's Harbour.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

DUBBO, Thursday.

At the Quarter Sessions to-day, Charlie Joy, a Chinese, was charged with maliciously wounding his stepson, George Charles Boon, at Wellington on December 29. He was acquitted.

John Gooley, Patrick Gooley, James Gooley Turvey, were charged with assaulting Joseph James Gooley, brother of two of the defendants, occasioning grievous bodily harm, at Spicer's Creek on January 8 last. John Gooley was convicted, and sentenced to three months. The other accused were acquitted.

James Clunes was convicted on a charge of stealing opal from Alfred Doris, at Coonamble, valued at £35, and was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

Walter Henry Paget, found guilty on Tuesday of obtaining £1 by false pretences, was sentenced to six months, but the sentence was suspended under the First Offenders' Act.

Other sentences to-day:—Harry Cudden, 70 years, formerly a medical man, 12 months for forgery; Ralph Brock, forgery, 12 months' hard labour; Jackie Beaumont, assault, two years' hard labour.

Frederick Vitnell was convicted of assaulting and robbing Charles Lawson, at Dubbo, and sentenced to three years' hard labour.

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

At the conclusion of Mass on Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral a meeting was held to consider the question of the extension of the building. It was decided to build a new church altogether, at a cost of between £13,000 and £15,000. A subscription for the purpose was opened. Bishop O'Connor headed the list with £1100. Other large donations promised amounted to £3350.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. L. Mitchell, of Invergowrie station, took place on Sunday. Special services were held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, where the Rev. Buntime, Armidale, the Rev. Ronald Macintyre, of Woollahra, and the Rev. W. Tassie, of Taree, took part. Deceased having been an elder of the Presbyterian congregation, his brother elders, Messrs. W. Weir, J. H. Head, J. Cameron, J. Love, E. G. M'Bean, J. Moore, and J. B. M'Kenzie acted as pall-bearers.

BYRON BAY, Thursday.

There were three steamers in the bay this morning. The Orara could not land her passengers until 11 a.m. on account of the high sea from the southerly swell. The weather is now moderating.

CESSNOCK, Wednesday.

On Sunday the new Congregational church was officially opened by the Rev. W. L. Pattison (President of the Home Mission Board, Sydney), who held three services during the day. On Monday a tea and public meeting were held.

COFF'S HARBOUR, Thursday.

A meeting was held in the School of Arts on Monday to arrange for the reception of the Ministerial party, Mr. M. M'Lean in the chair. It was decided to ask Mr. Briner, M.L.A., to arrange for the reception of a deputation at Coramba on Wednesday evening to put the requirements of Coff's Harbour before the Treasurer. Messrs. John Moorhead and A. L. Walsh to speak on behalf of the deputation.

CONDOBOLIN, Thursday.

The present summer easily holds the record for the last 20 years for coolness. Though some very hot weather has been experienced, yet the number of cool days has been abnormally large for this time of the year.

GULGONG, Thursday.

Sergeant J. Blanchfield has been promoted to Molong, and Senior-constable Paton has been appointed to take charge of the district.

Mr. W. Young, postmaster, has been appointed to Windsor. Mr. Smith, of Rylstone, takes his place.

HILLGROVE, Thursday.

Much indignation is expressed by the residents at the removal of the materials in the Technical School. It is considered they should be left in the hands of a responsible person.

INVERELL, Thursday.

Returns just collected by the police show the population of the town as 4662, and of the police patrol district 7783, an increase of 443 over the previous year. Within the district are 133 licensed dairymen, with 6170 cattle. The total revenue for the year at the lands and C.P.S. offices was £36,207 7s 8d, of which £34,510 18s 8d came from land.

MILLTHORPE, Thursday.

An appeal is being made by the residents of Millthorpe and district for a resident coroner. At a meeting of honorary magistrates held here last night, it was decided to petition the Minister for Justice to have a resident coroner appointed.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

Mr. J. E. Bennett, a very old resident of the Bega, Bombala, and Pambula districts, passed away this morning, aged 88 years. He originally carried on farming pursuits near Bibbenluke, afterwards conducting storekeeping businesses at Bombala, Wolumla, and Pambula. For several years past he led a retired life here.

YAMBULLA, Thursday.

An indignation meeting was held in the School of Arts last night, with Mr. Tigne in the chair. The following resolution was carried unanimously, on the motion of Mr. M'M. J. Pola, and seconded by Mr. E. Haugh:—"That a letter be written to our member, Mr. W. H. Wood, Chief Secretary, to place before him our dissatisfaction at the action of the Imlay Shire Council in refusing to spend the money recently granted by the Public Works Department for the purpose of carrying out certain deviations on the Towamba to Yambulla road."

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

An official trial of a motor and tram car was made between East and West Maitland yesterday. Everything proved satisfactory. The line will be officially opened on Monday next.

At a meeting of the Maitland Tramway League, a telegram was read from the Secretary for Railways stating that the tramline between East and West Maitland would be opened at 7.25 on Monday morning. It was decided to hold the official opening at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and to ask the Minister for Works to perform the opening ceremony.

ALLIANCE EXHIBITION AND FAIR.

The committee which has in hand the preparation for the Alliance Fair met yesterday afternoon. Competent adjudicators in connection with the various competitions are being appointed. Tenders are being called for brass bands, biograph entertainments, etc.

LATE SPORTING.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Larmo has been scratched for the Oakleigh Plate, and Tea Cosy for the Caulfield Futurity Stakes.

Banquo arrived by steamer from Sydney today, and has joined Payten's team at Flemington. Other arrivals from Sydney are Perkeo, Woolloomooloo, Little Toy, Plunder, Merel, Rose Linnet, Scotland, Parani, Flavine, Lady Whakatiki, Sunny South, Submarine, Flavinius, Kuringai, Legation, and Maltman.

BRISBANE RACES.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

At the Brisbane Jockey Club races to-day, the principal race resulted:—

Park Handicap.—Forsure, 9st 5lb (S. Houseman), 1; Fondle, 6st 12lb (P. S. O'Neil), 2; Motor, 9st (J. Gould), 3. Other starters: Robroy, Marcus, Idol. Betting: 6 to 4 v Robroy, 3 to 1 v Fondle, 4 to 1 v Forsure, 10 to 1 v Idol, 20 to 1 v Marcus. Forsure easily held the opposition right through, winning by three lengths, with a length and a half separating second and third. Time, 1m 48s. Dividend, 21s.

ARMIDALE RACES.

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

The second day of the Armidale races proved beautifully fine, and the attendance consequently much better than yesterday. Results:—

Borough Handicap of £50, 1m.—Mr. S. J. Gay's b f Clytine, by Clytus—Carbine, 7st (Guilum), 1; Mr. J. A. Baker's b m Beam, 7st 9lb (Page), 2; Mrs. Cush's br m Ismalea (Gilmore), 9st 5lb, 3. Time, 1m 47s. No Trumps, Dixie, and Lady Meanie also started. Won easily by about two lengths. Betting: 2 to 1 on the field.

Hack Race, £15, 6f.—Mr. R. Jurd's b g Schnapper (Gilmore), 9st 9lb, 1; Mr. W. J. Scott's blk g Nimrod (Gilmore), 8st 12lb, 2; Mr. H. R. Monro's b m Bonnie Hampton (Hays), 7st 12lb, 3. Troon, Demas, Cimmil, Mick, Thuraggie also started. Time, 1m 20½s. Won easily. Betting: 3 to 1 v Troon and Nimrod, 10 to 5 to 1 v others.

City Handicap, 1¼m, £100.—Mr. W. H. Hall's b m Wild Girl, Havoc—Marjory, 6st 9lb (Guilum), 1; Mr. J. P. Nolan's br h The Climax, 10st 5lb (Gilmore), 2; Mr. P. Kelly's b m Morella, 8st 2lb (Byron), 3. Blue Foam, Kapai, and Pantheon also started. Pantheon and Kapai made the running neck and neck to the straight, when Wild Girl shot through, and won by two lengths. Time, 2m 10s. Betting: 5 to 2 on Climax, 5 to 1 each v Kapai and Morella, 7 to 1 v Wild Girl.

Disposal Stakes, 6f, £30.—Mr. A. J. Warrad's ch g Hunter, Autonomy—Mona, 8st 1lb (Hays), 1; Mr. J. White's ch g Electrum, 8st 11lb (Lee), 2; Mr. A. Cush's b g Antelope, 8st 11lb (Gilmore), 3. Only three started. Won after a good race by a neck. Time, 1m 2s. Betting: 6 to 4 against Antelope, 6 to 4 on Electrum, 4 to 1 v Hunter.

Summer Handicap, 1m, £40.—Mr. H. R. Monro's bl g Black Prince, Booromooka—Princess, 7st 5lb (Hays), 1; Mrs. Cush's br m Ismalia, 9st 5lb (Gilmore), 2; Mr. J. L. Holland's b g Garryowen, 6st 7lb (Guilum), 3. Grandella and Pantheon also started. Betting: Even money Black Prince, 3 to 1 v Grandella.

Final Handicap, £40, 1m.—Mr. H. B. Smith's ch g Paddy Whack, by Morocco—Peggy, 8st 12lb (M'Kenzie), 1; Mr. J. Buchanan's br g Cobalt, 8st 12lb (M'Gregor), 2; Mr. J. Byrne's br m Lady Phyllis, 7st 7lb (Lee), 3. Other starters: Zelle, No Trumps, Queenie's Court, Brightie, Highwood, Kabibinokka, Anatroff, Grandella. Time, 1m 20s. Won by about a length. Betting: 4 to 1 each v Lady Phyllis and Cobalt, 8 to 1 v Paddy Whack.

The jockey Coyne, who was riding Grandella in the Summer Handicap, had a fall and broke two ribs. This was the only accident during the meeting.

CASUALTIES.

OVERCOME BY GAS.

About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon two men employed by the Australian Gaslight Company were laying a new service at the corner of City-road and Cleveland-street, when by an escape of gas both were overcome, and rendered unconscious. Dr. Burfitt, who was passing when the men were discovered, was called in, and attended to them. The Civil Ambulance were summoned, and removed Patrick Burke, 24, residing at 13 Durham-street, Stanmore, to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where he was admitted. The other man had so far recovered that he was able to go home.

A STRANGE FATALITY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Early this morning a fireman on board the steamer Courier discovered the body of an unknown man suspended, head downwards, between two hawsers on the Queen's Wharf. Both hands of deceased were in the trousers pockets. Apparently he had stumbled over the hawsers in the dark.

CREMATION.

MEETING OF ADVOCACY.

At a public meeting held last evening in the Royal Society's Rooms, addresses on cremation were delivered by the chairman, Dr. J. M. Creed, M.L.C., the Rev. G. Walters, Dr. Otto Wunderlich, and Mr. J. Wilshire. The Rev. Geo. Walters discussed the advantages of the system and the objections made to it, treating the subject from the religious, sentimental, sanitary, legal, and pecuniary points of view. Dr. Wunderlich and Mr. Wilshire also supported the system, the latter remarking that he had spoken in favour of it in the House 40 years ago. He referred to the cost of the removal of the dead from the Devonshire-street Cemetery before the erection of the present Central Railway Station, and mentioned that it had cost the Government £150 and himself £30 to have his father's body removed.

Dr. Creed said that the only argument against the adoption of cremation which had a fair basis in calm reason was the possibility that the body of a person whose life has been taken by undiscovered crime might be destroyed. It was suggested that it might be made use of by criminals with such intent. If the regulations which the society would suggest should be enforced, such a thing would be so little likely as not to be a justifiable argument against the adoption of a sanitary reform which would save very many more lives by the improved health conditions which would be created, than those which the most unreasoningly persistent opponents venture to assert might be increasingly imperilled.

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BONDI JUNCTION.—New Brick COTTAGE, detached, 4 rooms, hall, kitchen, and conveniences, 17s 6d. INTERCOLONIAL INVESTMENT CO., Ltd., 14 Moore-street, city.

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ASCOT RACES, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, 1st RACE 2.15 P.M.

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WANTED, Premises, about 10,000ft, for paper works, city, subs. Partics., Cardboard, Box 141, G.P.O.

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WANTED to Purchase, about 2 acres LAND, near Belmore station. State particulars and price, at once, to W. T. TATE and DIVE, 138 Glebe Point-road.

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WANTED, AT ONCE, for CASH PURCHASERS, CITY INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, showing good returns, close to Oxford-street or Woolloomooloo. Full particulars at once to GEO. E. WEATHERILL, 113 Pitt-st, Sydney.

ZETLAND.—LAND wanted, near the new tram sheds. Hinton, 94 Pitt-st.

LOST AND FOUND.

GOLD Cable Bangle, lost, Carabella-st-Milson's Pt., Chats, train or Chats; rew. 72 Carabella-st, Mil. P.

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LOST, bet. 32 Campbell-st, Padd., and Oxford-st, Gold Bamboo Bangle. Reward, 32 Campbell-st.

LOST, Wed., bet. S.G.S. and Circ. Quay, Waterman Fountain Pen; rew. Finder please write 756, Her'd.

LOST, bet. Crit Theatre and Milson's Pt., Gold Bangle, amet. heart, keeps.; rew. 5s. 102 Market-st.

LOST, in bathroom, Grand Central, Clarence-st, Opal RING; reward. Apply Manager.

LOST, bet. Douglas-st and P. A. Hosp., Gold-rim Specs., in case (Esdaile); rew. 59 Temple-st.

LOST, Lady's Gold Marquise RING, Wed., 3rd Feb., keepsake; rew'd. G. Longfield, Premier-st, Kogarah.

LOST, small Black-and-Tan PUPPY, silky-haired. Reward, 83 Darlington-rd, Darlington.

LOST, 'bus, Thursday, between Paddington and Crown-st, Lady's Silk Umbrella. 120 Underwood-st.

LOST, Red-Roan Draught Colt, branded — over B near shoulder. £1 Reward. 105 Bourke-st, Redfern.

LOST, PURSE, in Leichhardt tram, Wednesday. Reward on returning to 352 P'matta-rd, Petersham.

LOST, at Manly, Wednesday night, Back Comb, with gold band; 5s reward. 501 Bourke-st.

LOST, Bay Mare, br. MA nr. shoulder, 2 hind feet white; rew., £1. W. Spencer, Bungay-st, L'hardt.

LOST, Wednesday night, betw. Campbell and George sts, Chain and Pendant; rew. 110 Reservoir-st, S.H.

LOST, Brass Bottom of Motor Lamp, in Oxford-st, near Centennial Park; reward. 45 Hunter-st.

LOST, Yellow Bay Pony from Fairfield, br. N over Y near shoulder; £1 reward. Simms' Htl., Fairfield.

LOST, Rozelle, on Wed., Gold-bar Brooch, set opal; reward. Mrs. Johnson, 77 Denison-st, Rozelle.

LOST, betw. Circular Quay and David Jones, 1st-cl. Ret. Tkt, Tamworth; r. Naunton, Darley-rd, Manly.

LOST, Wednesday, Gold Photo. Pendant, bet. Bondi, Bellevue Hill, and city. Rew., Singer Co., H'market.

LOST, Tuesday, bet. Mark Foy's and Surrey Hotel, Gold Chain Bangle. Rew., Surrey Hotel, King-st.

LOST, the Morning Headache now that I stick to DICKENS WHISKY.

LOST, Wed. night, between Town Hall and No. 1 Jetty, Circular Quay, a pair of SPECTACLES, in reddish leather case, flap of case broken off; £1 reward. Reg. Sullivan, P.O.-chambers, Pitt-st, city.

LOST, Wednesday, on Melbray-rd, Chatswood, or Willoughby tram, Leather Bag PURSE, engraved E. E. B. outside, contg. r'way pass; reward. Mrs. R. J. BLACK, Sutherland-rd, Chatswood.

LOST, Gold SLEEVELINK, in railway tram or Lane Cove boat. Reward on return to E. HOWES, Tailor, 10 Hunter-street.

LOST, a Bamboo BANGLE, in case, and New South Wales Savings Bank Book, between Lime, King, and George streets, Sydney. Reward on return 365 King-street, Newtown.

LOST, on Wednesday, Neutral Bay boat or tram, Lady's UMBRELLA, silver top handle. Reward, Cragmoor, Raymond-road, Neutral Bay.

LOST, on Thursday, Neutral Bay boat or tram, Black Silk HANDBAG, hand-painted, containing handkerchief. Reward, Cragmoor, Raymond-road, Neutral Bay.

LOST, Manly boat, Quay, 7.15 p.m. yesterday, Lady's BAG, containing bangle and money. Please return bag and bangle. Manly Wharf.

LOST, in Macleay-street, Potts Point, long white Lady's GLOVE. Mrs. E. L. DAVIS, Nestalli, M'Donald-street, Potts Point.

PARCEL Dress Trimmings, Tues., bet. Winn's and Bay-st; rew. J. Siddins, news agent, Botany.

REWARD.—Lost, between Sydney and Strathfield, Lady's PEGGY-BAG, containing money, season ticket. Mrs. VALE, c/o Rosenthall's Hotel, Strathfield.

STRAYED from Valhalla, Harriette-st, Neutral Bay, Fox Terrier Dog, steel col., M. Farrell, Rew. on ret.

WOULD Gentleman handed lady's Umbrella, 10.30 Lilyfield tram, Thrs., ret. Willis, butch., Booth-st.

FOUND, SHEEP; owner have same give description, pay expenses. Mrs. Fogarty, King's-rd, Hornsby.

STRAYED into yard, a Sheep. Owner pay expenses. Bate Bros., news agents, Summer Hill.

STRAYED into yard, No. 1 Mitchell-st, Glebe, on 23rd ultimo, Brown Mare, old gear shoulder.

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FUNERALS.

CONNELLY.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. JOHN CONNELLY, of Kanowna, Leura, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from the Central Railway Station, TO-MORROW (Saturday), at 1 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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CONNELLY.—The Friends of Mrs. CONNELLY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND, John; to leave Central Station, TO-MORROW (Saturday), at 1 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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WANTED, young Girl to look after children, help house. Mrs. Hudson, High-st, Willoughby.

WANTED, a little GIRL, to assist in housework. Apply 27 Clarence-st, city.

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WTD., superior Girl, housework, no washing, sleep home if pref. 81 Ridge-st, North Sydney.

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WANTED immediately, KITCHENMAN and USEFUL. Apply Dale's Postcard Depot, Corso, Manly.

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WANTED, GENERAL, no cooking. Apply 9 Darlinghurst-rd, Darlinghurst.

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WANTED, a respectable GIRL, about 16, to assist housework. 10 Mansfield-st, Glebe Point.

WANTED, respectable GIRL, as GENERAL, 2 in family. 221 Parramatta-rd, Annandale.

WANTED, a light General, no cooking, small fam., gd. wages. 129 Liverpool-st, bet. Pitt-C'reagh sts.

WANTED, 2 smart WAITRESSES, at once. Apply Glenrock Cafe, 179A Pitt-st, city.

WANTED, competent General, small family, housemaid kept, 14s, Prot. 27 Challis-av., Potts Point.

WANTED, a respectable Woman, for housework. 206 Cumberland-st, Church-hill. Apply 9 a.m.

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